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The highlights of 1970 were:

We enjoyed a Boat outing and picnic on Kings' Island near Stockton on June 13 and 14, given by the San Leandro Boat Club.

Two of club families had babys this year. Kenneth and Dorene Williams and Doug and Cathy Nuchels, both had baby boy.

A swimming party was held at Carol and Lloyd Belnap home on May 16.

Our annual Christmas party was held in the home of Bob and Jackie East on December 19.

The committees of the year were:

Employment-----Jim Kay
Public Relation--Richard LaRussa
Parent Auxiliary--Harriet Stickney
Teens-----Joan Cecil

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Be Mine

SFBAC CHILDREN'S VALENTINE PARTY

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY — 14th — 2:00 P.M.

at the home of L.L. Debbie Carrington

mom, Marty ♡ dad Fred ♡ Kathy and Bobby

1460 Hartley Ct., San Jose, Ca 95130

Phone (408) 248-0548

VARIED VALENTINE VITTLES....

"MARTY" Carrington is going to bake a ham. THE REST OF US can plan on a hot dish, salad, or dessert, your choice! BEVERAGES for all, paper plates, napkins and tableware will be provided.

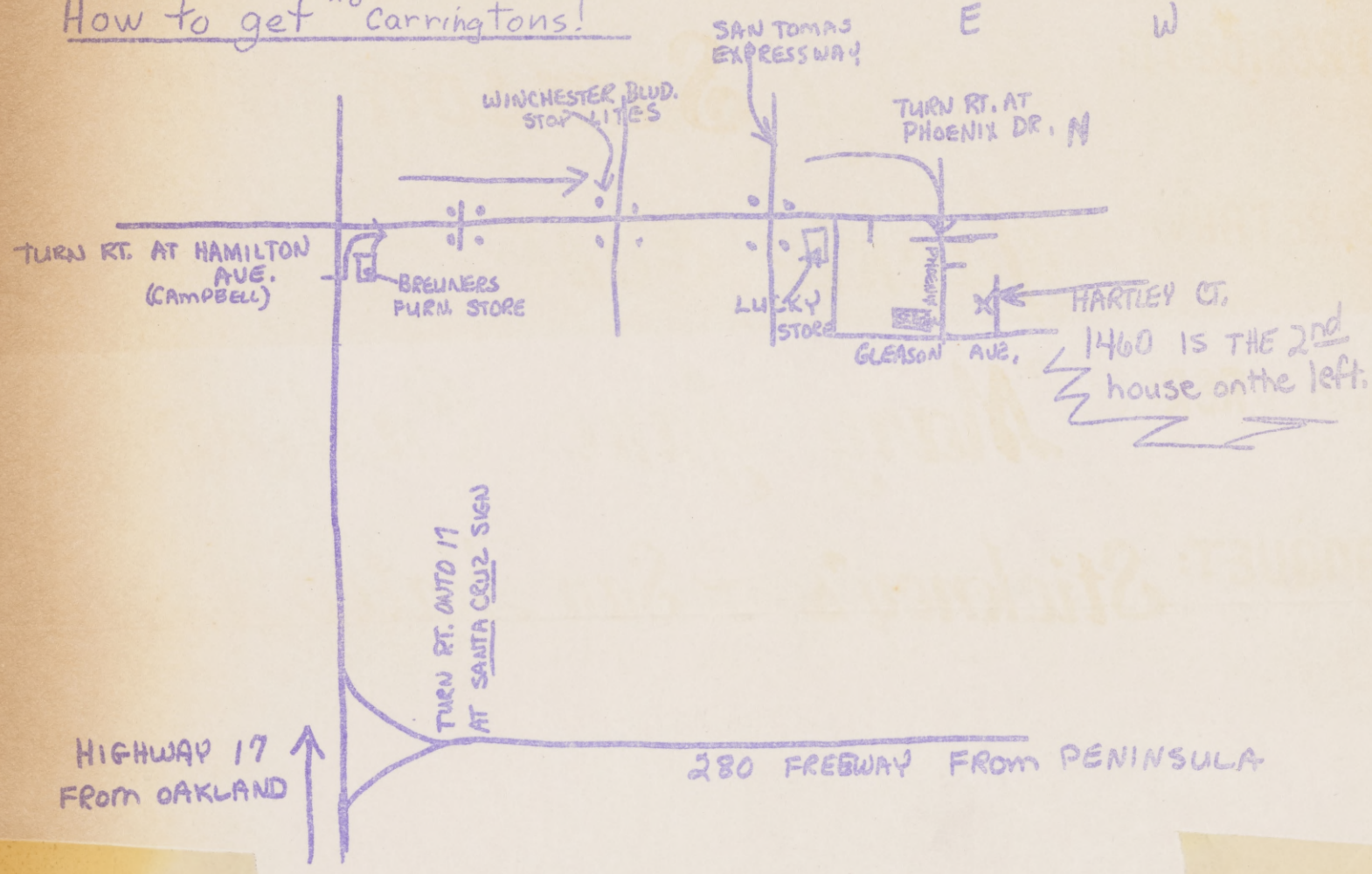
VALENTINE FUN FOR THE YOUNGSTERS IS BEING PLANNED BY THE THREE CARRINGTON YOUNGSTERS, DEBBIE, KATHY, AND BOBBY...SOUNDS LIKE GREAT FUN....

If at all possible, please let either Carringtons or the Stickneys (PHONE 559-0695--A.C. 415) know if your family plans to attend as well as the food item you plan to bring. THANKS.

Among the things to be discussed at the AUXILIARY MEETING will be the type of program you'd like at the DISTRICT MEETING in SACRAMENTO. HOPE SOME OF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, at least for part of Saturday. Sacramento has interesting and fun things for the youngsters, too.

SEE YOU on FEBRUARY 14!!

How to get to Carringtons!

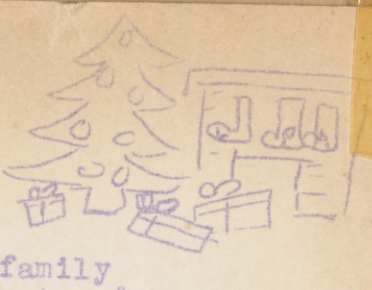


On Sunday, February 14, little little Debbie Carrington and her family will host a children's Valentine Party and Parents' Auxiliary meeting in San Jose, California.

Nuptial vows were repeated December 27, by Miss Carolyn Strange and Mr. Andre Bourssee. Our wishes for a lifetime of happiness to the newlyweds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, SFBA CHAPTER ANNUAL INAUGURATION BANQUET..
BLUE DOLPHIN RESTAURANT, MARINA BLVD., SAN LEANDRO
Social Hour, 7-8, BANQUET 8:00 P.M.,.followed by dancing
to a 3 piece band. LOVELY VIEW OF THE BAY..
Price of banquet..$5.75 includes tax and tip..

CHILDRENS PARTY - SUNDAY - DEC. 7 -
MEETING AT 2:00 P.M. at the home of
THE MEL COHEN FAMILY
6 SPARROW CT...PLEASANT HILL, CALIF. 95423
PHONE 932-3368 (Area Code 415)



Eleanor and Mel, but especially JOYCE, JAN, PAT AND JULIE COHEN hope many of you can come..This is an LPA family affair. All are welcome to come and share in the youngsters' holiday joy.

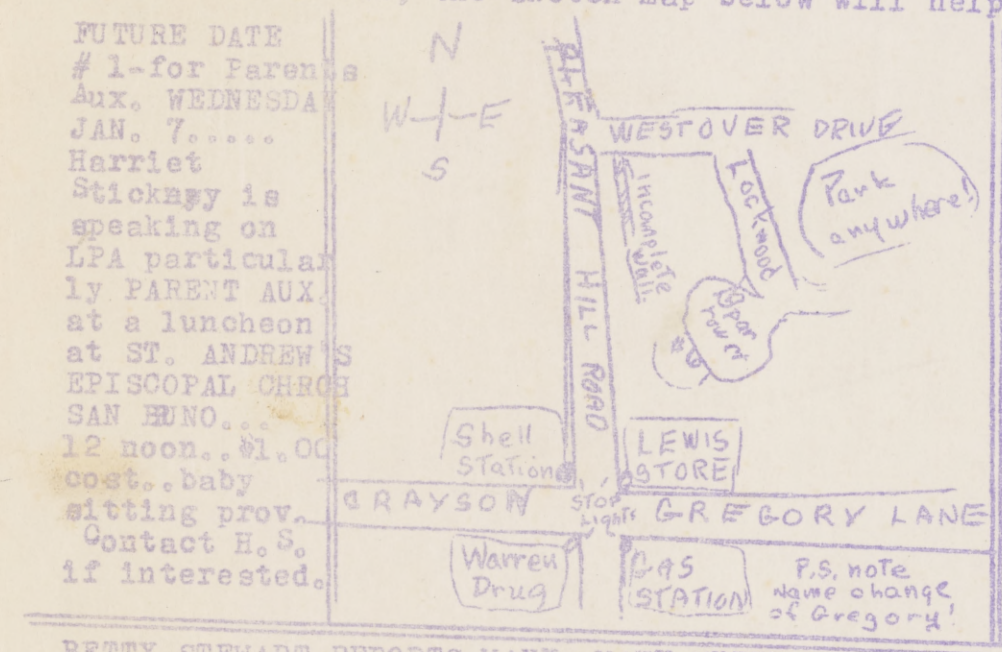
THERE WILL BE A GIFT EXCHANGE FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING..Girl brings a girl present..Boys bring a present for a boy..(On the wrapped package mark if it is for boy or girl and the AGE RANGE of the gift..) Price range..$1.75-$2.00.

WHAT ELSE TO BRING: One of the following for the POT LUCK MEAL, Either a HOT DISH (casserole-beans-etc.) or a SALAD or an easy to carry DESSERT. Plates, beverage, tableware will be furnished by the Cohen family.

IF POSSIBLE, please try to let either the Cohens or Stickneys know by Sat. Dec. 5, if you plan to attend, and how many will be coming.

DIRECTIONS: (Here, the SECRET is not to lose PLEASANT HILL ROAD, once you are on it, especially if you get on it off of H-24--It's twisty and turny..) If you come from the north on Higway 680 turn west on TAYLOR BLVD.--proceed to PLEASANT HILL ROAD, and go south. If you come from the south on 680 take the GREGORY LANE cut-off ONLY AS FAR AS PLEASANT HILL ROAD....NOW hoping everyone will get to PLEASANT HILL ROAD OR GREGORY LANE on their own, the sketch map below will help.

FUTURE DATE # 1-for Parents Aux. WEDNESDA JAN. 7..... Harriet Stickney is speaking on LPA particularly PARENT AUX. at a luncheon at ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHRCH SAN BRUNO... 12 noon..$1.00 cost..baby sitting prov. Contact H.S. if interested.



FUTURE DATE # 2...

SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 1970
2:00 P.M...VALENTINE PARTY AND PARENT AUX. GET-TOGETHER at the home of the TOM WELCH FAMILY
5552 GOLDEN GATE AVE.
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Meanwhile, hope to see you Dec. 7 at Cohen's...

Harriet Stickney (Mrs. Al)
Parent Auxiliary Coordinator...
PHONE 589-0695

BETTY STEWART REPORTS MANY, MANY WHITE ELEPHANTS, RUMMAGE ITEMS STILL NEEDED before we can have a sale..PLEASE, PLEASE, bring them to either LPA Chapter meeting or on DEC. 7. Do your Holiday cleaning early!!!!

SOCIAL NOTE..1016 BURKHART, SAN LEANDRO, was the cheery scene of a delightful house-warming NOV. 15...Our great hosts, Dorene and Kenny Williams who have now joined the ranks of home-owners, (which also means carpet-layers, wall painter--etc..right Dorene and Ken) A gift certificate was presented..Among the dozen PLUS who attended, were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Albaugh of Fort Lauderdale, Calif. Bill is a National LPA Public Relations chairman..Does much publicity for LPA in connection with his work for SQUIRT. Marie and Bill attended a convention in San Fran..GOOD TO SEE THEM

IT'S A BOY FOR SFBAC VICE-PRESIDENT !!

CRAIG ALAN NUCHOLS: 10-2-70 CONGRATULATIONS to mom CATHY and dad, DOUG, and Happy New Brother to JOHN & KATHY. CRAIG is a new Auxiliary member for SFBAC. Note their new address below.

WELCOME BACK TO THE U..S.A., SHEPARD FAMILY ONE AND ALL

December 21st, Teen Todd Shepard and his family arrived back and are at home at 810 Lathrop Drive, Stanford, Calif. 94305. They had a wonderful time in England, where Dr. Shepard was on the staff of the Stanford campus in England. They managed several interesting trips around the British Isles and in Europe. Looking forward to hearing all about it.

HI!! Carlinos, me and all — October 20, 1970

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY (costumes, if possible) at the home of Peggy, Ron, Ruth, Matthew, Josh, and Sam Roloff, 3348 CLAUDIA DRIVE, Concord, Ca. 94520. PHONE (415) 689-9162

Sorry, no map, Al does not have access to a duplicating machine this week. so havad to rely on carbons and word directions.

We'll have our usual delicious pot-luck. The Roloffs will provide the DESSERT, soft drinks, and coffee. Plates, cups, tableware and napkins also will be provided. SO the choice for you this time is either a HOT DISH or a SALAD. The distance you have to drive may be your guide.. PLEASE let Roloffs know by card or phone by 10-24, if you plan to come and how many there will be. HOPE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY!! HOPE - HOPE!

DIRECTIONS: If you are coming FROM THE SOUTH, take 680 to Concord, approximately at the SUN VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER, Higway 24 crosses. Proceed north on 24 for about 2 miles, crossing both the Willow Pass Road and Grant-Solano intersections. Look for OLIVERA turn right.

If you are coming FROM THE NORTH, also take 680, turn left on Hgwy 4 (also called Industrial Highway). Proceed on 4 about 2 miles to Hgwy 24. Turn right. Proceed about a mi. to OLIVERA, turn left.

NOW, that everyone is on OLIVERA going east, PROCEED, crossing the Port Chicago Hgwy and the rr tracks. After the tracks, CLAUDIA DRIVE, is the next st. TURN RIGHT. 3348 is on the east side, not too far.

Enclosed is a directory of families in the Parent's Aux. Felt it was about time for another. Might be good to insert it in your LPA Handbook under Section B..

Hope all is well — Had a great time at our church's retreat —

Cheerily,
Harriet

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA PARTIES, TOO!

DECEMBER 13: Wow, ole Santa was certainly busy that day, as he appeared at the BAY AREA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY held at the home of L.L. John WELCH & family. 11 little-littles, their brothers, sisters, moms and dads, a few adult LPs for a total of 49, had a merry, cheery time. We not only had SANTA appear with a bag of presents, but we celebrated a birthday too. That of DEBBIE CARRINGTON, who was 11 on Dec. 14. All enjoyed the yummy birthday cake. Almost 4 year old DAWN ABBEY caused a few chuckles when she thumped her chest a few times and yelled, THAT's ME" when Santa called her name. That crew of 4, almost 4, and going on 4 yr. olds is quite the gang! Dawn, John, Jimmy Olinick and Sam Roloff. We were delighted that the ABBEY family brought as their guests, 12 yr. Doug Farrell and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS FARRELL of San Jose. They recently moved there from Clover-dale, and had not heard of LPA. Hope to see you next time. The Cheatham family, friends of the Welches, were also guests.

DECEMBER 19: Now, it was time for the Bay Area Teens and adults to celebrate. This was combined with a housewarming for JACKIE and BOB EAST (they just thought it was a Christmas party!!) 24 attended, GREAT to see HILDA LANGE and RUTH MC CARTY again. MARY ANN SCHROEDER and STAN BUCE came from CLOVIS, via Sacramento to attend the party. (AND soon all the ladies were admiring the sparkler on Mary Ann's left hand! February wedding planned) CONGRATULATIONS, MARY ANN AND STAN. An interesting game was played..clues to CHRISTMAS SONGS & CAROLS. KATHY MCQUIRE and PETER NORMAN were the wise winners of that game. All enjoyed the evening of fun and the hospitality of Jackie, Bob, Jon East, and Bob's mother, Mrs. Elsie Green.

action line

• I'm interested in contacting a club for exceptionally tall people. There must be one around the Bay Area somewhere. — B. D., Walnut Creek.

There is. It is the Golden Gate Tip Toppers which meets the second Friday of every month at Del Webb's Townhouse in San Francisco. The president is Paul Laning, 2859 Mission St., San Francisco. Before someone asks, there is also the Little People of America Inc., which meets the first Friday of every month at the American Savings and Loan in San Leandro. Robert East of 3405 Dimond Ave., Apt. 8, Oakland, is the president. That's the long and the short of it.

EAST BAY'S QUALITY NEWSPAPER

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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1970

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It's for
Dorene Williams

Date
aug 15, 1970

Time
7:30 PM

Place
2333 Clement apt B
Alameda Calif

Given By
Cathy Nuchols

R.S.V.P. 865-0173

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SAN FRANCISCO AREA CHAPTER (SFBAC): Despite the holiday weekend, 20 little persons plus relatives, attended the 9-4 meeting of SFBAC in SAN LEANDRO. CAROLYN STRANGE and ANDRE BOURSSE were welcomed as new members of SFBAC, transferring from LAC. GREAT to see CHICO and JUANITA COLLA. Juanita is getting along quite well after her hip operation this summer. Nice to have CONNIE CUMMINGS and her parents with us. GLORIA VAN LOO, member of District 11, who lives in PORTLAND, OREGON, was a guest at this meeting. GLORIA was a house guest of JACKIE and BOB EAST for a few weeks. She was able to attend several other SFBAC functions too. Such as the bowling get-together in EL CERRITO, Sunday, Sept. 13. OTHERS THERE were the following: BOB BURGAN, THE EASTS, NENO & MARY JANE CARLINO, RICHARD LA RUSSA, KATHY MC QUIRE, DAVID NORRIS, & AL STICKNEY. (H. was home nursing a sore tooth, but all's well, now.) OAKLAND: SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, JAN & JIM KAY were hosts for a PARENT AUXILIARY discussion. An evening of socializing, discussing the recent Nat'l Conv. in Portland, and other phase of LPA was enjoyed by the following: GLORIA & JIM ABBEY, DAWN & KAY HEINIG, MASHA & DON JEWETT, ANN & TOM WELCH, HARRIET & AL STICKNEY.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1970 NATIONAL LPA CONVENTION IN PORTLAND

BOB EAST, PAST DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR, ELECTED 1970 KING!!**********

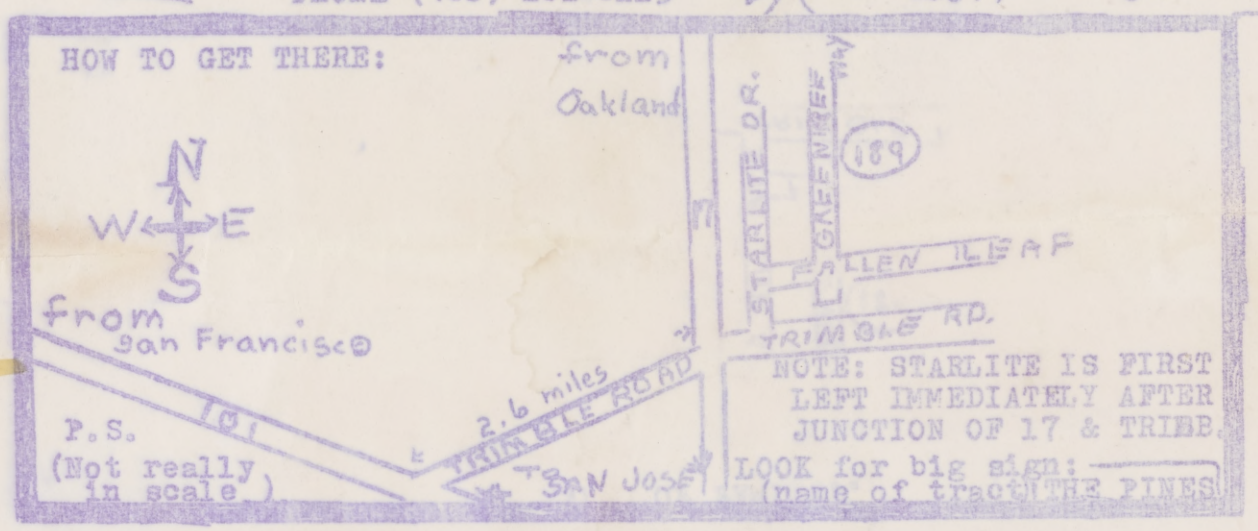
BOB, also a past SFBAC president and also known nationwide for his car extensions and helpful gadgets for LPs, was voted 1970-71 LPA KING. CONGRATULATIONS, BOB, FROM ALL OF US. JACKIE, his wife, and BOB are remembered for the way they make the younger LP members and those attending their first convention feel welcome. BOB was also honored at the Aug. 7 SFBAC meeting, when he was presented an engraved Revere bowl by PRES. KENNY WILLIAMS in appreciation of BOB'S being 1969 SFBAC president. In case you want to contact BOB, their address is BOX 7109, Fruitvale Station, Oakland, Calif. 94601.

Sunday August 9, 1970

beginning at 2:00 P.M. --at the home of
i.L. JIMMY OLINICK and FAMILY
(Dad-JIM, Mom-RITA, SISTERS, KARA & LISA)

189 GREENTREE WAY
MILPITAS, CALIF. 95035
PHONE (408) 262-6115

LPA
FAMILY BASEBALL GAME
(Everyone can take part be player-cheerleaders-or fan)--
There's a park across the street!
(practice now dad!) DO Come!



FOR THAT BASEBALL GAME: Bring, bats, SOFTballs, gloves, PEP, and how about some cheers! Girls, who don't play ball, could cheer! But know MANY GIRLS will be playing...Should be fun...THIS IS FOR EVERYONE, MOMS, DADS, Little-l's, brother, sister, friends..

FOOD NEWS: What else would you have before a ballgame, but HOT-DOGS? Yes indeed, and Dad, Jim will be barbequeing them (Hot-dogs-buns beverages for all, paper plates, napkins, cups, tableware will be provided.)

The rest of us "bring a dish", a hot dish, salad or dessert. If you live a long distance, it is suggested you bring items that do not need reheating or much refrigeration.

SAVE THIS NOTICE--DOUBT VERY MUCH IF WE'LL GET ANOTHER ONE OUT!!. Since the Stickneys won't be back from convention much before Aug. 9.

A DATE TO ALSO REMEMBER! SEPTEMBER 19, SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.
POST CONVENTION DISCUSSION NIGHT- ADULTS and INTERESTED TEENS
at the home of MR. AND MRS. JIM KAY, 4055 EVERETT AVE. OAKLAND

DISTRICT 12



Front row: Little littles John Welch and Jimmy Olincik. Second row: Jackie Carlino, Dawn Heinig, Mrs. Bob (Jackie) East, Mrs. Neno (Mary) Carlino, Bob East, Neno Carlino, Mary Graziano, Jim Kay, Harriet Stickney, Anthony Carlino and Irving Scible.

On the chapter levels, both the San Francisco and Los Angeles chapters have elected new offices. The top four executive positions include: Lyle Myers, Art Doty, Miss Shirley Berg and Jerry Cockrell (Los Angeles) AND Kenny Williams, Miss Cathy Sampson, Mrs. Jackie East and Mrs. Neno Carlino.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holliday, Los Angeles. The couple were married Feb. 14, and are currently residing in L.A. Mrs. Holliday is the former Miss Raylene John.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Shepard, and their son Todd, will host the April 26 Parent's Auxiliary meeting in Stanford, California.

1971

PRESIDENT: Cathy Nuchols

VICE-PRESIDENT: Ken Williams

SECRETARY: Kathy McGuire

TREASURER: Peter Norman

BANQUET: Blue Dolphin ~ San Leandro

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER

Little-little Christmas Party!
and Parent-Auxiliary get-together!

SUNDAY – DEC. 19, 1971 – beginning at 2:00 P.M.

at the home of THE TOM WELCH FAMILY
(Mike, Jon, Ann (mom) and Tom (d
5552 GOLDEN GATE AVE
OAKLAND, CA. – 94618
PHONE – (AC-415) 547-0214

COME! THERE WILL BE VERY-SPECIAL SURPRISE FUN FOR ALL! MOST EXCITING! Hope to see you! there – JUST LET the Welches know!

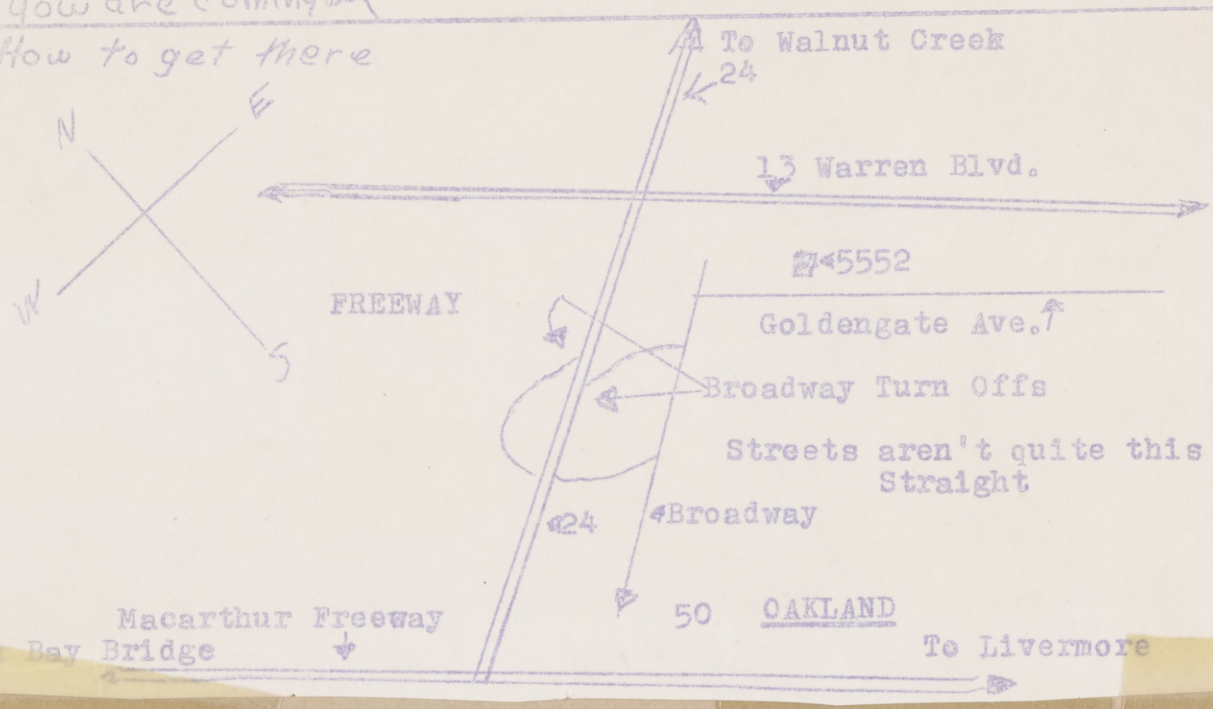
L.L. Yuette has a baby sister!! born 11-25

STORK NOTE – On Thanksgiving morn – Yvonne and Jim Farrington became the parents of Dana Christine! She weighed 6' 8" 19 3/4 inches

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WELCHES KNOW WHO'll BE THERE – Santa must know the names and ages of the youngsters coming! Also Tell Ann if you'll bring a hot dish or salad – Beverage, DESSERT, all table-ware-will be provided!!

PLEASE! PLEASE! LET ANN KNOW BY DEC. 16 – If you are coming

How to get there



January 8 was greeted by the monthly meeting of the San Francisco Bay Chapter at the home of Carol & Loyd Belknap in Castro Valley, California.

The San Francisco Chapter met November 29, at the home of Joan Cecil, Burlingame, California, to work out plans for occasional separate events for the teen members.

The home of Jackie & Bob East in Hayward, California, was the setting for the teens and adults Christmas Party. While only a few days before, December 13, the children had their Christmas Party at the home of little little John Welch and family of Oakland, California.

August 21-22, ten members of the Bay Chapter enjoyed swimming, water skiing and a channel boat ride as guests of the San Leandro Boat Club on "Lil King Island" near Stockton, California.

This District has been doing a great deal of work in the area of public relations.

In July LPA was featured in a five minute segment which included shots of the Bay Area members during a miniature golf game.

August 22, Al and Harriet Stickney, Peter Norman and Mrs. Tom Welch, mother of little little John Welch, were interviewed for a half hour community service program on a San Francisco TV station.

CHRISTMAS BELLS WERE WEDDING BELLS

On Sunday, December 27, MISS CAROLYN STRANGE became the bride of MR. ANDRE BOURSSE. The service took place at 3:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church, Santa Paula, Ca. A reception followed in the Church Social Hall. Carolyn teaches French at Tracy High School, and Andre attends Hayward State College. See above for their address. District 12 extends their heartiest best wishes to CAROLYN and ANDRE.

ROBERT LEE SHOEMAKER - 1933 - 1972

A charter member of National LP , one of the 20 at Reno in 1957, a nd a charter member of the SFBA Chapter, BOBBY SHOEMAKER passed away suddenly, MONDAY, M Y 15, following complications after an operation. Final service s were held at Higgins Funeral Home in Antioch, Ca. on Thursday, May 18 at 2:00 P.M. The Stickneys, Bob Poe, his mother and sister represented LPA. A donation to the LPA FOUNDATION, INC. in ROBERT'S memory will be made by District 12. He was survived by his mother, MRS. ESTHER SHOEMAKER, a sister, nieces and nephews. Our sympathy to all of them; and to MARY GROVES, too, whom Bob was planning to marry. BOB had been working in Oakland at a dougnut shop, and selling newspapers. Always cheerful, a loyal supporter of LP , BOB will be missed by all who kenw him.

1972

PRESIDENT: Richard LaRussa

VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Bungan

SECRETARY: Connie Cummings

TREASURER: Peter Norman

BANQUET: Martinelli Steak Pit
Millbrae

Little People of America, Inc.
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Newsletter
March, 1972

HI! Just a welcoming pause to everyone and a reminder that the SFBAC now has new officers. They are as follows:

President Rich La Russa
V. President ... Bob Burgan
Secretary Connie Cummings
Treasurer Peter Norman

Our first meeting was March 3, 1972 at the American Savings & Loan Bldg., in San Leandro. We would like to see many more people at our next meeting. We want to do many things and plan many activities, but we need everyone's help.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, the address is 1600 Lucia, San Bruno, Calif, April 14, 1972. Normally our meetings are held in San Leandro but because of the up-coming District meeting in Fresno the weekend we usually have our Chapter meeting-we must have it on the Friday following.

ONCE AGAIN- Our meeting will be in San Bruno at our regular time of 7:30 P.M. Hope to see many more people this time. There will be more details concerning it in the next District Newsletter. Many thanks to Al and Harriet for making it possible to have our meeting at their church.

OLD NEWS

At our last meeting a By-Law change for the SFBAC was discussed. An increase of 25¢ instead of 50¢ per person - per month was proposed and will be voted upon at the next meeting. This is meant to take care of the rising costs and to take care of rising prices in Banquets. The Proposal reads as follows:

Proposal By-Law Changes for the SFBAC of L.P. of A.
March - 1972

Now Reads - Article XII Section 4

SFBAC Banquet - There shall be an annual appropriation per member of 50¢ per month or $5.00 per year payable on or before March 15th., to be used toward the expense of the annual SFBAC banquet. (See Article XIV, Section 1-A for eligibility).

Proposed Change to read as follows:

DISTRICT TWELVE

Two California chapters have elected new officers for the new year. The San Francisco Bay Area members selected Richard LaRussa as president; Bob Burgan, vice-president, Connie Comings, secretary, and Peter Norman as treasurer.

Saturday, June 3, there will be another fantastic picnic. This will be at the home of the Ponza's in Soquel. There will be more details of this in the District Newsletter. Plan to attend and have a wonderful time.

At our May meeting, the idea of having another car wash was discussed. Since our last one didn't go as well as we would have liked, we have decided to try it again. The next one will be Saturday, June 24 in San Leandro. More will be discussed concerning this at the next meeting.

SPEAKING OF MEETING. . . .

REMEMBER

Our next meeting will be Friday, June 2, 1972 at the American Savings & Loan Building, 1600 14th Ave., San Leandro, California. Normal time: 7:30 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN

Secretary,

Connie Cummings
LPA SFBAC

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Little People of America Inc.
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
S.F. Bay Area Chapter
Newsletter
May, 1972

Greetings! Once again I am happy to report on the activities of LPA here in the Bay Area.

Since the last newsletter; we have had two more meetings. Our May meeting was quite a success. Many people were on hand to greet several visitors. Among these visitors were Harriet Stickney's sister and family. After the meeting, several of us went for Pizza and enjoyed the entertainment provided at shakey's.

Before I go on, I would like to make special mention of some very special occasions for some special people.

Birthday Greetings go to:

Doug Farrell	May 6
John Welch	May 8
Cathy Nuchols	May 8
Michele O'Rourke	May 17
Yvette Farrington	" 21

Anniverseries

Joe and Delores Vercellino
April 13

Bob and Jackie East
May 13

Our very best wishes go to each of these people.

Fun in Fresno March 7-9

Some 60 people were on hand for all the festivities of the Fresno meeting. It was a very progressive meeting. Many things were discussed and among the topic subjects was the 1973 National Convention. District 12 will be taking a bid for the 1973 Convention to Chicago. It was decided that the Fall District meeting would be in Santa Barbara and the following Spring meeting; in Oakland--- so start preparing now.

GREAT NEWS A recent poll showed the national membership pushing 2000. The SFBAC is also moving right along. It now has 400 members Let's keep up the great progress.

Up-coming Events Lots of fun is planned for Saturday, May 28th at the home of Dorene and Kenny Williams. Everyone is invited for a Picnic-Bar-B-Q. Bring your own fixins' and plan to spend the day. Their address is: 1016 Burkhart Ave., San Leandro. They have a pool and Kenny suggests everyone bring their bathing suit (that is, who likes to swim). Anytime aroung noon will be fine. See you there.

Article XII - Section 4

SFBAC Banquet - There shall be an annual appropriation per member of 75¢ per month or $7.50 per year payable on or before March 15th to be used toward the expense of the annual SFBAC banquet. (See Article XIV, Section 1-A for eligibility).

By-Law Proposal continued

Now Reads - Article XII - DUES

Section 1. There are five classes of National LPA MEMBERSHIP DUES. Dues are paid annually.

A. Regular member dues shall be $5.00.

B. Family dues shall be $7.50, when more than one person in the family is eligible for membership of some class.

C. Little-Little and Teen dues shall be $3.00 unless included in a family membership.

D. Life Membership shall be $200.00 for either an individual or a man & wife.

E. Associate membership shall be without charge if the member unemployed. This is not valid for more than two consecutive years.

Section 5 - Dues Propration. Members joining for the first time shall have dues prorated, as follows:

July, August, September	100%
October	90%
November	80%
December	70%
January	60%
February	50%
March	40%
April	30%
May	20%
June	10%

Proposed Change to read as below:

Article XII - DUES

Section 1. National L. P. of A. membership dues schedule is given in article XIV Section 1 of the National LPA By-Laws.

DON'T FORGET This will be voted on at our next meeting April 14, 1972.

Up-Coming Activities: Don't forget our next District Meeting will be April 7-9 at Fresno. Hope to see a lot of you there. Also the idea of having a SFBAC Baseball team was discussed and agreed that it would be nice if we could have a team to play at the Fresno meeting. Ronnie Hackl was asked to head the committee to to form this team. He's really eager to see us get out there and win - so let's give him a big hand and get out to the Kennedy Park on March 18, 1972. For the gals who come to watch there will be a picnic for after, so come out and join the fun. Bring your own picnic and plan to stay all day. Ronnie would like to start practice around 10:30 A.M.

The Directions to Kennedy Park San Lorenzo, California

Coming from the San Francisco area over the San Mateo Bridge you follow Jackson Street until you come to Hesperian Blvd., there you turn left and follow it until you come to Kennedy Park.

Coming South on the Nimitz you turn off at "A" Street. You then follow it until you come to Hesperian Blvd., there you make a right turn and follow it until you come to Kennedy Park.

Come and plan to spend the day.

Secretary,

Connie
Cummings

Hi!
I'am sorry I won't be able to make it to the Baseball Practice and to your house for the Spagetti dinner. I'am sure I'll really be missing a wonderful time.

As Ever,
Connie

THE 19 CHARTER MEMBERS WHO WERE AT MEETING #1 AT HILDA LANGE'S, 2-62

* ALBERT ANDERSON **	BOB EAST	PAT MURRAY **
* MANETTE ANDERSON **	ELSIE EAST	FULVIO PARENTI **
MARY JANE CARLINO **	RON HACKL	BOB POE **
NENO CARLINO **	*HILDA LANGE **	*BOB SHOEMAKER **
CHICO COLLA **	AL MILLS	AL STICKNEY **
LOLA COX	FERN MILLS	DELORIS VERCELLINO **
		JOE VERCELLINO **

* attended April, 1957 LPA convention
**attended 1961 LPA convention in Las Vegas

A SHORT HISTORY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER

Behind the first meeting of any organization is much planning. This was true of the SFBAC.

FOUR residents of the Bay Area were among the TWENTY at the very first meeting of LPA in RENO, NEV. in 1957, BILLY BARTY, founder. It is also known that a number went to the second LPA meeting in 1960, in LAS VEGAS. However, the idea of meeting regularly in the BAY AREA was discussed by the 13 who attended the 1961 convention, again in LAS VEGAS. Full of enthusiasm, the idea grew, when they returned..

HILDA LANGE volunteered to have that first meeting at her home in Albany, Ca. FULVIO PARENTI, AL STICKNEY, DEE AND JOE VERCELLINO then met to write postcards to all known LPS in the area. Silent supporters of the effort were MARY JANE & NENO CARLINO, who had met at that 1961 convention, and were busy planning their wedding plus the combining of 2 households.

Since that first meeting at HILDA's, the BAY AREA GROUP has been meeting regularly. Eventually the National LPA Organization began to charter chapters. THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER received their national charter at the JULY, 1968 LPA Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. MR. AND MRS BOB EAST (JACKIE) represented the club and brought back the charter. Geographically, the SFBAC covers the 10 counties bordering SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

There have been several meeting places during the years: For the last few years the group has been meeting the first Friday of each month at THE AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, 1601 East 14th St., San Leandro.

The first annual inaugaration banquest was held on the east side of the Bay in February of 1963. Since then the banquets have alternated, odd numbered years on the east side, even numbered years on the west.

In May, 1968, bi-monthly meetings of the LPA PARENT AUXILIARY were begun. Before that little-littles and their parents attended the meetings and social functions. In '68 it was felt that group was large enough to have additional meetings. Meeting at different homes all around the Bay area, they are geared to the needs of the youngsters and provide a place for parents to exchange ideas, informally.

TODAY there are 61 little persons in the SFBAC (a 200%+ gainin 10 yrs.) 37 adult members (over 18), 8 teens and 16 "little-littles". Average sized family members living in the same household as the little person make up the 72 AUXILIARY MEMBERS. So the current TOTAL is 133!

The past 10 years have been great! NOW ONWARD with the SFBAC!

SFBAC PRESIDENTS - 1962-1972

JOE VERCELLINO 1962
BOB EAST 1963&64
AL STICKNEY 1965 & 66
NENO CARLINO 1967 & 68
BOB EAST 1969
KENNY WILLIAMS 1970
CATHY SAMSON NUCHOLS 1971
RICHARD LA RUSSA 1972

1969-1972 DISTRICT 12 OFFICERS

DIRECTOR.....AL STICKNEY
VICE DIRECTOR.MRS. SHIRLEY HARPER
TREASURER.....MRS. JACKIE EAST
SECRETARY (appt.)
.....MRS. MARY ANN BUCE

PAST DISTRICT DIRECT OF 12

BILLY BARTY..1960-63....1966-69
BOB EAST.....1963-66

1970-1972 NATIONAL LPA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT....JOE ALEXANDER
VICE-PRESIDENT..
..MRS. HARRIET STICKNEY
SECRETARY....JOYCE ENGSTROM
TREASURER...MRS. MARY KITCHENS
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT...
..CHARLES BEDOW

IN MEMORIAM...MEMBERS, SFBAC

ALBERT ANDERSON
LOLA COX
AL MILLS
FULVIO PARENTI
PEGGY STOCKTON

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1962.....FEBRUARY.....1972

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER
LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

WELCOMES YOU
TO THE

10th INAUGARATION BANQUET
FEBRUARY 19, 1972
at
MARTINELLI'S STEAK PIT
EL CAMINO REAL..MILLBRAE

1971 SFBAC OFFICERS

MRS. DOUG NUCHOLS.PRESIDENT
KEN WILLIAMS..VICE-PRESIDENT
KATHY MC GUIRE..SECRETARY
PETER NORMAN....TREASURER

1972 SFBAC OFFICERS

RICHARD LA RUSSA..PRESIDENT
BOB BURGAN....VICE-PRESIDENT
CONNIE CUMMINGS...SECRETARY
PETER NORMAN.....TREASURER

The 1972 officers start their official duties upon their inaugaration tonight.

Installing officer & Master of Ceremonies..AL STICKNEY

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING US TO CELEBRATE OUR 10th ANNIVERSARY.

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Following the banquet and program, we do hope you'll stay for fellowship and fun.

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- SFBAC -

1962.....FEBRUARY.....1972

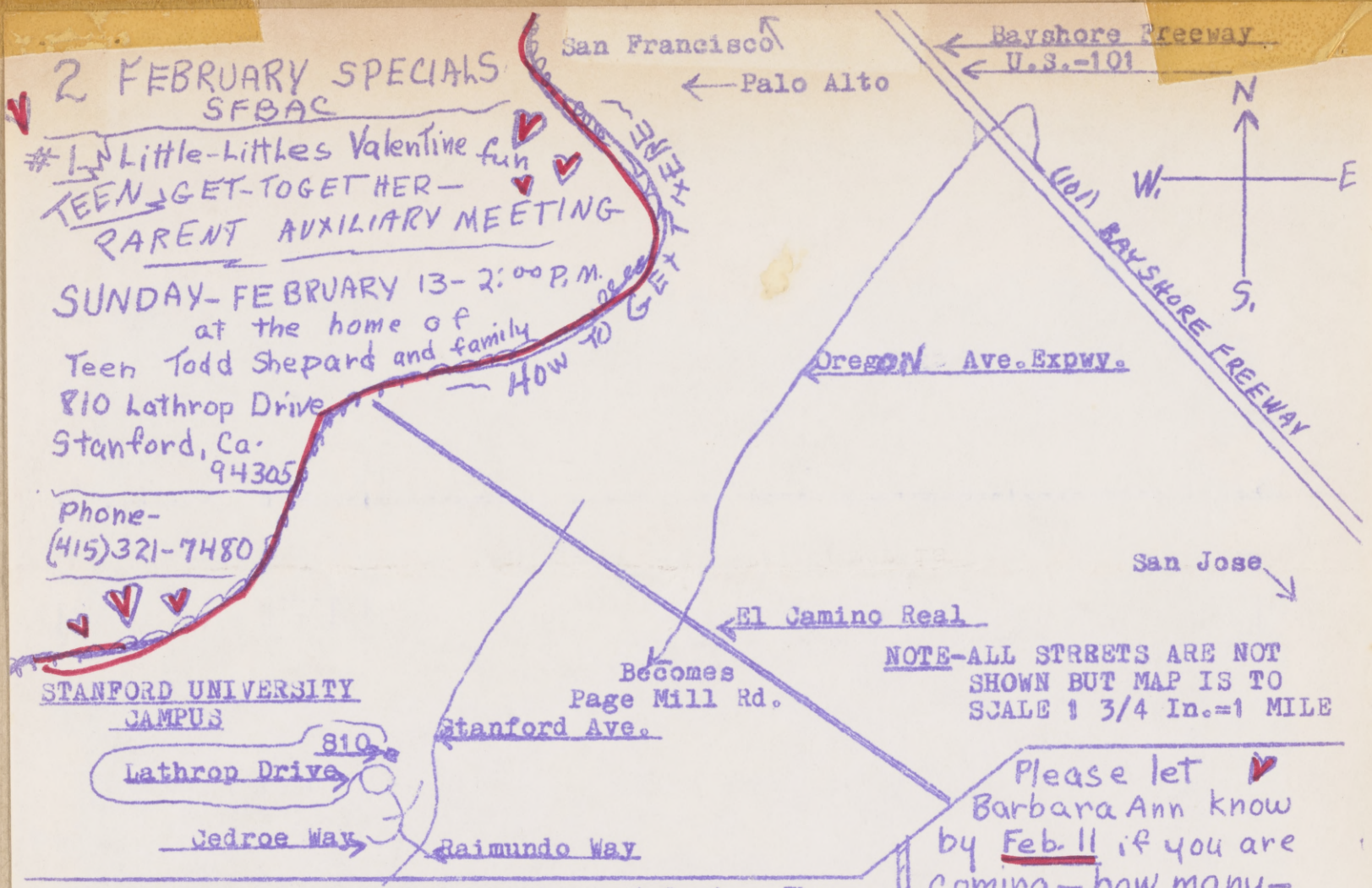
2 FEBRUARY SPECIALS

SFBAC

#1 Little-Littles Valentine fun
TEEN-GET-TOGETHER—
PARENT AUXILIARY MEETING

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 13-2:00 P.M.
at the home of
Teen Todd Shepard and family
810 Lathrop Drive
Stanford, Ca.
94305

Phone-
(415)321-7480



NOTE-ALL STREETS ARE NOT SHOWN BUT MAP IS TO SCALE 1 3/4 In.=1 MILE

There'll be our usual delicious pot-luck. The Shepards will provide dessert. So the rest of us will bring hot dish or salad (enough for 8-10) BEVERAGES, TABLEWARE, ETC. will be provided. RSVP RSVP

Please let Barbara Ann know by Feb. 11 if you are coming—how many—what you are bringing!

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER ANNUAL BANQUET

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GROUP MEETING-1962-1972

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, SOCIAL HOUR-6:30 - 7:30 BANQUET-7:30 P.M. Dancing Mixing

PRIME RIB, Baked Potato, Salad, & Etc.. $6.00 per (includes tax & tip)
MARTINELLI'S STEAK PIT-MILLBRAE, (see below)

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17...with either

MRS. DOUG NUCHOLS (CATHY)
17349 Via Alamitos -PH.278-5187
San Lorenzo, Ca. 94580

or

AL STICKNEY PH. 589-0695
BOX 633
San Bruno, Ca. 94066

While Treas. Peter Norman will take $$$ the night of the banquet, it would be of great help if you paid in advance...

It is hoped many of the ORIGINAL 19 charter members of the group can be there. Also hope to see many of our Auxiliary members, and of course friends and relatives of us all. A fun night and even more special this year...so DO COME.....

MARTINELLI'S STEAK PIT..1180 EL CAMINO REAL..MILLBRAE, CA.

COMING FROM THE NORTH-on 101
Take the SAN BRUNO AVE. cutoff (Be sure it's the City of S.Bruno one..) West on San Bruno Ave. to EL CAMINO REAL (82)..TURN LEFT Onward for a mile plus..

COMING FROM THE SOUTH-on 101
Take the Millbrae Ave. cutoff west..to EL CAMINO REAL (82) TURN RIGHT..GO about 9/10ths mi.

MARTINELLI'S is on the east side of El Camino..Parking lot on north side.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19.. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER ANNUAL BANQUET
A VERY SPECIAL ONE, as this is 10th anniversary of SFBAC meeting as a group. PRIME RIB, BAKED POTATOE, SALAD etc.. $6.00 per
WHERE? MARTINELLI'S STEAK PIT, 1180 EL CAMINO REAL, MILLBRAE
WHEN DOES IT START? 6:30--SOCIAL HOUR 7:30--BANQUET, followed by a fun program, socializing and dancing..THE MORE THE MERRIER DO COME...(Details on enclosed flyer..DEADLINE-Feb. 17)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES An exciting day is planned for Saturday, September 16. There will be a boat trip to Angel Island. Everyone is to meet at the Island anytime around noon. The boats leave from Fishermen's Warf and Berkley. The cost is $1.50 per person. There will be more about it before then, but mark your calendar and plan to come. It should be lots of fun.

More good times are planned for the SFBAC on August 19th. There will be a Bar-B-Q picnic at my home in Windsor. The day will include a tour of the Tiburon Winery here in Windsor, followed by a pot-luck style Chicken Bar-B-Q. My family and I will furnish the chicken and every one else can bring salads, deserts, vegetables ect., anything you would like to bring. Don't worry about dishes or utensils either, we'll take care of them. For those who enjoy a nice relaxing swim, we have a pool, so bring your suits. For those of you who came to our last Bar-B-Q--come again. And for those who couldn't make it the last time, try and make it this time. The more the merrier. Hope to see many Little Littles, Teens and of course Adults.

Directions to my home in Windsor

Going North on 101 you head towards Santa Rosa. After you pass Santa Rosa, you will see signs saying Windsor. Windsor is about 10 (ten) miles north of Santa Rosa. Once you turn off in Windsor, you will come to a stop sign. There, you make a left turn, taking you under the freeway (101). From there you follow the road you are on and you will pass a Shell Gas station on your left and an Arco station on your right. You continue on this road (Old Redwood Highway) until you come to the Evergreen Mobile Estates on your left. You are here. Our mobile home is the one with the large built on room. You can't miss us. I'am sorry I was unable to draw a map, but the machine I use will not print anything but type. I hope these directions will do.

REMINDER

The next SFBAC meeting will be Friday, August 4, 1972 at the same place. Come and hear all about the National Convention in Hillside, Ill.

WEDDING BELLS WILL CHIME On August 26, 1972 Linda Berg of Canada will become Mrs. Bob Burgan. What's ones loss is anothers gain. It seems as though we have two very special dates set in October. Yes our own Treasurer Peter Norman and our former Secretary Cathy McGuire will be married October 14, 1972. Joan Cecil will marry Bill Hare October 22. Many good wishes for a wonderful future.

Secretary, LPA SFBAC
Connie Cummings



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Norman
October 14, 1972

On October 14, 1972, Miss Kathleen McGuire, of District 12, to Mr. Peter Norman, of District 12 in Portola Valley, California. They are making their home in San Francisco, where Kathy is employed by Del Monte Corporation and Peter works for Pacific Telephone Company.

On August 26, 1972, Miss Linda Berg, of Claresholm (Alberta), Canada, to Mr. Robert Burgan, of District 12, in Claresholm. They are residing in Larkspur, California. Bob is with the California Highway Department.

On Oct 22, 1972, Miss Joan Cecil, of District 12, to Mr. Bill Hare, formerly of District 4, in Burlingame, California, where they now reside. Joan is a college student, and Bill works for a bank.



Just recently received was this photo of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgan, who were wed on August 26, 1972.

KATHY MC QUIRE and PETER NORMAN will be married OCTOBER 14 in a quiet, simple, family and close friends ceremony. KATHY has been SFBAC secretary and District scrapbook editor. PETER is SFBAC treas. and works for the Pacific Telephone Co. Kathy is a commercial artist for Del Monte Corp.

AN INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE!!

While they both were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Vining in Kelsoe, Washington, MISS LINDA BERG, CLARESHOLM, CANADA (ALBERTA) became engaged to BOB BURGAN, SFBAC. LINDA has been working hard to organize LPC in the western Canadian provinces. So Canada will lose a hard worker, and SFBAC will gain one when those 2 are married in August. BOB has been a member of SFBAC for 3 years. He works for the landscaping division of the Calif. Highway Dept. in Marin County. He lives in Larkspur, Ca. CONGRATULATIONS, YOU TWO.

WEDDING BELLS RANG OUT IN CANADA, AUGUST 26

Claresholm, Alberta, Canada turned out just about 100% for the wedding of Miss LINDA BERG, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Berg, to BOB BURGAN, Larkspur, Ca., son of Mr. & Mrs. Burgan, Corte Madera. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining, District 11 members, were be st man and matron of honor. Kathy Hangas, District 11, and Nancy Evans, LPC were bridesmaids. L.L. Darin Lee , District 11, was ringbeare r. Ushers were two LPC members, whose names I don't have at present. A story and many pictures of the wedding appeared in the Claresholm paper. Very active in LITTLE PEOPLE OF CANADA, we welcome LINDA to SFBAC and District 12. BEST WISHES, LINDA AND BOB. Their mailing address is Box 615 Corte Madera, Ca.

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Roller a Plate Dinner held at Rechard La Russa

Annual Banquet held at Martinelli Restaurant on 2-19-72

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Treas - Peter Norman

Fashion Show in ~~San~~ El Cerrito put on by Mrs Farrington

Swimming Party at Kenny Williams on 5-28-72

Car Wash on 6-24-72 - San Leandro

Boat Trip to Angel Island on 9-16-72

Minature Golf in Castro Valley - 6-30-72

Bar-B-Q at Connie Cummins in Winsdor

Tour of Tiburon Winery - 8-19-72

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FASHION BENEFIT—A fashion show for the benefit of the Little People of America Foundation, will be held May 31 at 7 p.m. in the El Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney St. Proceeds wil go for medical research and scholarships. Members of LPA shown from left are Lois Gerage, Joan Cecil, Billy Hare, Mrs. Harriet Stickney, LPA vice president; Al Stickney, LPA district directors. The infant, Yvette Farrington, is one of the younger members of LPA.

Little People Planning A Benefit Fashion Show

A benefit fashion show will be held on May 31 in El Cerrito with all proceeds going to the Little People of America Foundation.

Sponsored by Karousel Koiffures of El Cerrito, the show will be in the El Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney St. and begins at 7 p.m. Donation is $3.

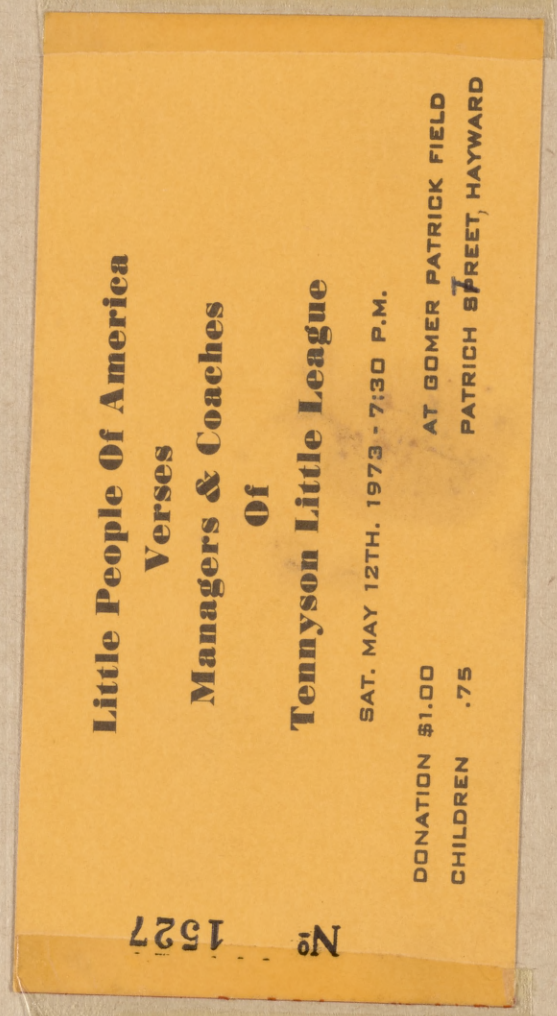
The theme of the show will be "On a Karousel" and the models will be Cathy Leintz and Mmes. Jerry Hale, Douglas Pavon, Gregory Garcia, John White, William Clark and James Farrington, chairman.

Guest speaker will be Al Stickney, District 12 director of Little People of America. His wife, Harriet, is vice president of LPA.

Membership of LPA includes children and adults, who for medical reasons are small in stature, as well as average-sized members of their families living in the same household.

The foundation collects funds for medical research projects and scholarships for members. Contributions to the foundation are tax deductible.

David Norris, District 12, was recently awarded a special certificate by the SFBA Chapter for selling the greatest amount of candy in the recent district candy sale.



ADVICE FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

How to Cope With Life in a Big World

By JOHN MILLER
Tribune Staff Writer

Some sound advice on how to cope with being a small person in a big world was given during a symposium at the 15th annual Little People of America convention here yesterday.

Participants in the panel discussion at the Oakland Hilton Inn included both parents and children afflicted with dwarfism, normal size parents of dwarf children, a normal 15-year-old girl whose kid sister is a dwarf and a pediatrician who specializes in dwarfism.

The panelists discussed a wide variety of problems and experiences with dwarfism and each member enthusiastically endorsed the work of the Little People of America (LPA), which was formed in 1957 to provide fellowship, an interchange in ideas and solutions to the many problems unique to persons of short stature.

"If it hadn't been for the LPA, my children would not have been able to live in the world as it is." said Mrs. Launa Turner of Swannanoa, N. C., a dwarf who is both a mother and a grandmother.

Mrs. Turner, a personnel officer for a sanatorium, said there is no reason why people suffering from dwarfism should drop out of society.

"The world is made up of both big and little people and we just have to make our way," Mrs. Turner, a founding member of LPA, declared.

Kathy Carrington, a normal size teenager, said she and her dwarf sister, Debbie, 13, are "two years and two feet apart" but that Debbie's stature has neither embarrassed her or been a cause of any special problems.

"I never really stopped to think about her being two feet shorter than me—only that she's my sister," Kathy said. "Size doesn't make any difference in a person's worth."

Kathy's friends have accepted Debbie totally. "In fact," Kathy told the symposium," Debbie gets more attention than I do from my friends."

Mrs. Wendy Ricker, co-chairman of the LPA parent auxiliary, described her feelings upon learning that a daughter was a dwarf.

"It was a terrible shock at first and it took a long time for us to move beyond the stage of asking 'why' and feeling sorry for ourselves and our child. Finally, after joining LPA and getting together with others in similar circumstances, we found that sharing was a great help to us and our child."

She said one of the hardest things to learn as a parent of a dwarf child is to treat the child according to age and not size. "It's darned hard to do and we're still struggling, but it's the only way," she said.

Dr. Charles Scott, Jr., LPA medical consultant from the University of Texas Medical School, told those attending the symposium that early diagnosis is necessary to determine the specific type of dwarfism involved, to provide genetic counseling for normal parents contemplating other children and to determine if special medical treatment is required immediately.

Dr. Scott said when he went to medical school there was no special study in short stature problems, but there has been some improvement during the past decade.

"There is an increasing amount of information being made available to physicians, although not near enough, and we hope to have much more in the future," he said.

Although there are more than 2,000 members of LPA, estimates are that the number of mature American adults under five feet tall and technically classified as dwarfs may reach a half-million, according to the Human Growth Foundation, a group which acts as a clearing house for moral support and medical aid to families with children who have growth problems. Headquarters for the group is in Baltimore, Md.

About 300 delegates from all over the country are attending the convention which ends today. National headquarters for LPA is in Owatonna, Minn.

On Wednesday, May 31, Mrs. Jim Farrington, SFBA Chapter Parent Auxiliary member, is hosting a special Fashion Show in El Cerrito, Ca. Proceeds are designated to the LPA Foundation. An idea for other District's parent's auxiliary?

They have big outlook on life

By BARI BRENNER

This is a short story.

But it is about people who think big.

They're members of Little People of America, Inc., a nation-wide organization of people who, for medical reasons, are considerably smaller in stature than most. The social, educational, medical and research group of dwarfs has been meeting this week at the Oakland Hilton Inn.

Among those attending at the 15th annual national convention (which ends tomorrow) have been Mr. and Mrs. Bob East of Hayward. She is District 12 (California, Nevada and Hawaii) treasurer of the Little People and has served as registration chairman during the parley, which has brought some 350 members to the area. (The membership numbers 1500 nationally, with about 500 others affiliated with the group's auxiliary, composed of parents of child dwarfs, the "Little Littles."

The Easts, who moved from Oakland to San Lorenzo three years ago, met six years ago at a Little People convention in Phoenix. She has been a member since 1963; he joined in 1962. They have a daughter, Alicia, 2, who will be of average height. (Dwarfism is not necessarily hereditary, and there are several types, caused by different conditions. Among them: disorders of the pituitary or thyroid glands, or failure of cartilage to develop normally into bone. "It can strike anybody at any time; no one's immune to it," says East. There are an estimated 50,000 "little people" in the US he noted, although estimates vary within a wide range. Approximately 1 of every 10,000 births are dwarfs, but a sizeable per centage do not live, he explained.)

Being smaller than the general population is not without a multitude of special problems. But there are some compensations, too, according to Bob and Jackie East. The major one is Little People's relationships with each other.

"We speak the same language," East explains. "There is terrific fellowship with one another." Both he and his wife feel that their friendships with other "little people" are deeper and stronger than those between persons of average (the term preferred over "normal") size. East admits, however, that "years ago," before he affiliated with an organization like the Little People, and he knew few, if any, other dwarfs, and "when I met another little person on the street, I would turn around and look the other way. I didn't want to see (someone like) myself. I felt queasy about it."

The average size persons' reaction to little people is a concern of the couple and others like them. "We want to be regarded just like anybody else, on an individual basis," said East. "We don't like to see adults, especially, turn around and stare at us," Mrs. East said. "We don't mind children looking and staring—they don't know any better—but the adults...(should know better)."

The Little People organization urges its members to participate fully in both the "small" and "big" worlds. Notes a brochure: "A small person who can live in two worlds—a small and a normal world. A person who finds happiness in both worlds has nothing to lose to society or himself. But a person who hides in one of the two worlds must always live with the fear of evasion or contact with the other world. For this person, there is no real truth, not even to himlself."

Coping with the world when you're small, is largely a matter of step stools, chairs and ladders, according to Mrs. East. But, she added, "you get used to it, you don't even notice the stools; it seems natural to us." She cooks from atop a stool (some little people have specially built kitchens) works at the sink from atop a stool and reaches for things on bottom shelves of cabinets and closets —top shelves are either empty or used for long-term storage—from atop a stool. Her washing machine is the type that loads from the front ,not the top. Her ironing board is adjustable. And when a light bulb burns out in the house—Mr. East calls on a neighbor for assistance, or holds a tall ladder for a friend, Ron Hackl of San Lorenzo, who will be 22 on Wednesday and whom the couple met through the Little People organization.

The most difficult part of being a little person for young Ron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hackl, has been the effect on his social life. He didn't go to his senior ball at San Lorenzo High School although he wanted to, for example, because he didn't have a date. "If I took a tall girl, she would have treated me like a doll," he explained. "Like, 'look, isn't he cute'?"

"I didn't get asked to my senior prom," Mrs. East interjected. But, East joined in, "We've no problem making friends. I think little people have more friends than others do."

Ron, who has three average size brothers, played football in high school and also water skis, does tumbling and trampoline work (all of which is not recommended by doctors for little people, since most eventually develop back problems anyway).

Ron's parents tended to be overprotective of him at first, he said—a common tendency of average size parents who have a dwarf child, according to East—until his brothers interceded. "They didn't want me to be a Momma's boy, a pansy," he said.

Mrs. East, only daughter in a family that had four sons, was "spoiled, but not overprotected," she recalled. "My parents regarded me as being 10 feet tall." East believes that parents of dwarfs should not be over-protective of their children. "They should be harder on them, if possible," he said, so they can better be able to cope on the "outside."

A seemingly simple thing like grocery shopping can be an "outside" ordeal. One woman at the convention reported with a straight face buy that when she shops for groceries, "I always buy a can of grapefruit juice. I stand on it to reach high shelves as I shop." Mrs. East shops with an extension device which she uses for high shelves and deep freezers. Extension devices are also attached to the accelerator and brake pedals of the Easts' car. Public telephones are another problem for little people. So are paper towel dispensers in public restrooms and elevators in tall buildings.

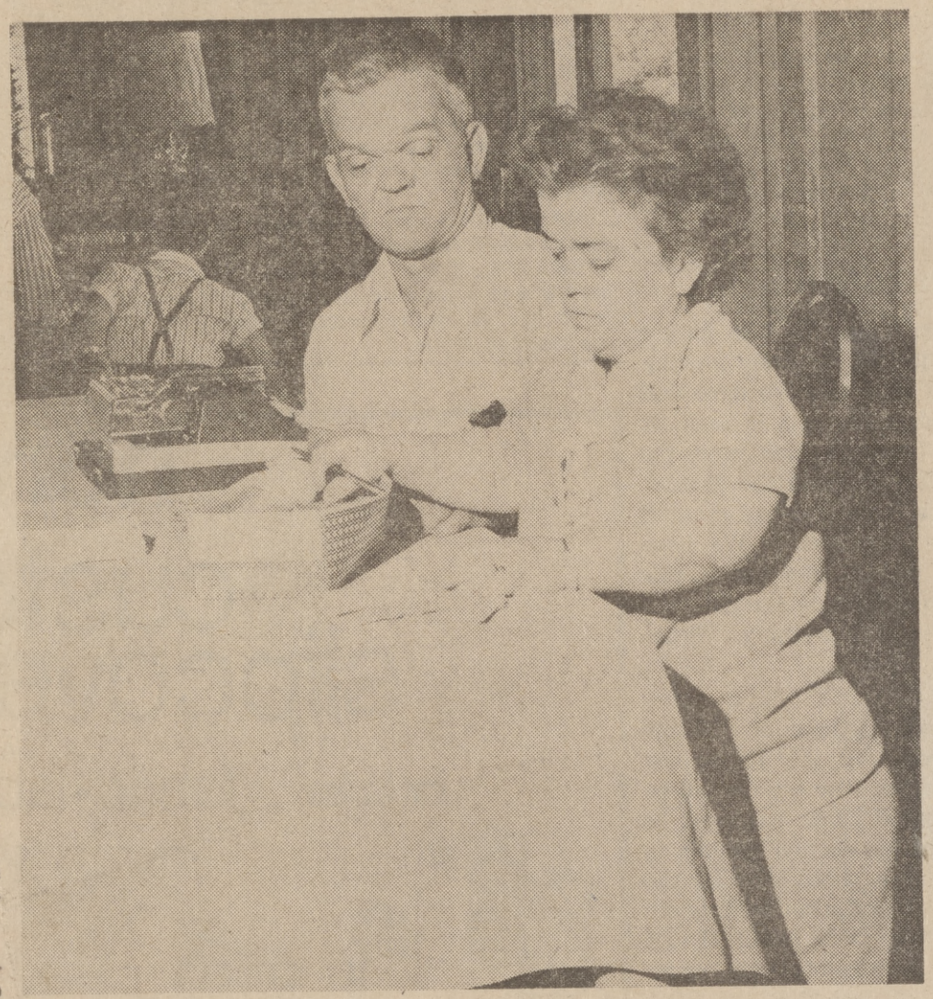
The telephone problem is beginning to be eased here and there, according to East. Efforts on behalf of persons in wheel chairs—the lowering of some public telephones—have benefitted little people, too.

New clothing is another area with which little people have a more difficult time than most people. Some, who are appropriately porportioned, can buy clothing in children's departments. Others sew their own clothes. And others, like Mrs. East, buy adult sizes and alter them. "Since the minis came in, it sure has helped," Mrs. East remarked. Because most little people's feet are very wide, many have to have their shoes custom made, or ordered from a catalogue.

But the most discrimination against them comes in areas of employment ,they feel. "Even though we're little people, our mentality is generally above average," Mrs. East said, noting that one of the stereotypes of the "outside" (average size) wrold is that dwarfs are intellectually inferior. "God took away our tallness, but He gave us extra facilities to cope with it," she said.

She is a secretary with the Oakland Redevelopment Agency. Her husband is employed as a machinist. Ron is a cabinet maker. Members of the Little People are doctors, speech therapists, teachers, electronic engineers, "everything," the Easts said. Contrary to another stereotype, "probably one-half of 1 per cent are entertainers," according to East.

Elizabeth Barrington, Jacksonville, Fla., told of graduating from business college with skills and being unable to find a job as a secretary in private industry. Then she took a Civil Service Exam, and now is a supervisor over five average size women in the data processing department of a Navy base. "I got the job because I passed the test; they didn't know if I was tall or short," she said. The Civil Service system is "good for little people," Mrs. East said. "We have to prove ourselves."



Earl Murphy Photo

LITTLE PEOPLE WANT TO BE REGARDED AS INDIVIDUALS, 'LIKE ANYBODY ELSE'

Mr. and Mrs. Bob East of Hay ward help at dwarf convention

Some Little People Who Think Big

Sat., May 5, 1973

By Nancy Dooley

"Size shouldn't keep people from entering the field of their choice or from having a good time."

This is the credo of the Little People of America, whose western district is meeting today at the Oakland Hilton in preparation for their national convention in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Stickney, a vivacious couple from San Bruno, took time out from their preparations for the meetings yesterday to describe the Little People, some of the problems they encounter, and the way dwarfs cope with their height.

"We are working with medical research centers throughout the country to find out whatever we can about dwarfism," explains Mrs. Stickney, a former elementary school teacher who is national vice-president of LPA. She is 4'2".

Doctors Invited

To this end, they have invited several Bay Area doctors to their conference today and Dr. David Rimoin, director of the Short Stature Clinic at UCLA's Harbor General Hospital.

There is no known cure for disproportionate dwarfism, which afflicts the Stickneys. Although their bodies have a normal-size trunk, they have very short limbs.

Medical research is only one of LPA's concerns, however. The members work with average-size parents of dwarf children "who often suffer a traumatic experience," says Mrs. Stickney.

Parental Reaction

"There is sometimes a severe reaction from parents who don't want to face the fact that their child is dwarfed," she says. "This can be very damaging to the child."

The average-size parents also counsel one another at LPA's bi-monthly meetings. "We don't know what it is to be an average-size parent," says Mrs. Stickney, "so they help each other."

LPA members are also on the look-out for federal and state legislation to aid the handicapped. Louis Scharrer, a retired budget officer who worked at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana for 28 years, examines proposed legislation "that might be of benefit to us."

Bill Vetoed

President Nixon recently vetoed a bill to create a special board within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the education and study of the welfare of the handicapped. The proposal was too costly.

Scharrer is hopeful, however, that the administration will soon introduce a similar, less costly bill.

Scharrer's height — 3'3" — has not stopped him from doing much.

Since his retirement in 1971, he has travelled to Hawaii, South America, the Caribbean, and the British Isles. "I try to smoke these little people out of the wood," he laughs. "I try to get them to join our group."

Instruction

Part of the reason for today's meeting is to instruct the hotel about the Little People's needs.

Mrs. Stickney, for instance, cannot reach the clothes rack in the closet. And the registration desk in the lobby is too high. ("The best place for a little person to hide is behind the counter of an office," says Scharrer.)

Nor can dwarfs reach many towel racks, telephones, door knobs, and elevator buttons. The Hilton will solve the last problem by providing sticks to push the buttons.

Comfort

Mostly, though, the Little People of America exist because "we realize there is comfort or help knowing you're not alone," says Mrs. Stickney. The group was founded in 1957 with only 20 people, and the national membership has increased to more than 2,000. The Bay Area membership alone totals 150.

"Dwarfism has no respect for race, creed or economic condition," says Mrs. Stickney. "We make a point of enjoying life. There aren't too many fields we can't go into."

Adds her husband, Al, an airplane mechanic for United Air Lines, "Education is the key. If you have the education, you can do whatever you want."



ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF BEING UNDERSIZED
Al and Harriet Stickney find hotel closets troublesome for hanging clothes
—Examiner photo by Teresa Zabala

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER September 30 over 30 had a great afternoon swimming in the LARRY MC GUIRE'S pool (KATHY NORMANS folks) MRS. HELEN FULLAM, Santa Rosa, prospective member, attended her first LP funchion. Helen and her 2 daughters KIM and Kelly were at the Halloween party too. SAM ROLOFF lost a tooth in McGuires pool. AH, the joys of being 6.....OCTOBER 13, GAIL SELBERG, EDMUNDO & LILLY SOLORZANO, and the STICKNEYS attended the OSTEO-GENESIS IMPERFECTA FOUNDATION benefit dance. All 5 helped in various ways during the evening.....OCTOBER 20, THE NENO CARLINOS, BOB EASTS, PETER NORMANS, and AL STICKNEY joined the GOLDEN GATE TIP-TOPPERS for a fun evening of bowling. Later a number went to one of the Tip-toppers for coffee. All attending are looking forward to doing it again..OCT. 27 Over 40 had HALLOWEEN fun at the RON ROLOFFS, SAN BRUNO. RUTH & MATT ROLOFF & TONY BAGNAROL planned games and activities for the younger set. GREAT COSTUMES..SOL BANDO WAS THERE

SFBAC: FEB. 11, Over 30 had a great time at the VALENTINE PARTY at the CARRINGTON'S. S DEBBIE C. and sis KATHY, had a great afternoon planned for the children..MARCH 3 Over 60, including 7 from LAC, attended the SFBAC installation banquet..MARCH 10: Many attended a fund-raising luncheon (profit $169.00) at St. Andrew's, San Bruno. MARCH 24 - Thanks to the BORWARDT family for a great afternoon at the CALIF. RAILWAY MUSEUM near RIO VISTA..LOVELY, LOVELY DAY..

Oakland Tribune
26-EN Sun., March 4, 1973

BRUCE JOHNSON WINS FIRST GUILD AWARD

Bruce Johnson, a 28-year-old Oakland painter, has received the first $1,000 annual award presented by the Contemporary Art Committee of the Oakland Museum's Art Guild.

The grant, "to encourage young Northern California artists and to stimulate interest in contempary arts in California," was announced by committee chairman Mrs. Mel (Leta) Ramos, Oakland, and Oakland Museum Art Curator George Neubert.

Funds for the prize were generated by the Contemporary Art Committee's tour, "The Artist Collects," held last April. Nearly 200 people signed up for the Sunday tour, which provided art aficionados an inside look into the homes of nationally-prominent local artists Bruce Beasley, Garry Bennett, Karl Kasten, Vince Perez, Raymond Saunders and Mel Ramos.

In selecting Johnson for the first award, the committee carefully screened the works of 15 young local artists. They visited studios and watched painting and sculpture in process. Their survey also included perusal of color slides and photographs of the artist's works. An entire set of judging criteria was established for the selection process.

Johnson, who combines apartment and studio in Oakland's Claremont district, is a graduate of College of Arts and Crafts, and has a Master of Fine Arts degree in graphics. He is currently teaching art at Santa Rosa Junior College.

"It was my extensive training in graphics that first got me interested inn the painting process," Johnson said. "The relationships to lithography, with its color overlays, intrigued me and I saw painting as a more immediate vehicle for expression."



OAKLAND PAINTER BRUCE JOHNSON
Winner of Contemporary Art Committee award

His subtly-toned acrylic paintings are on 22 x 30 inch paper, which is first folded into squares and rectangles.

The paint, which he mixes with a modeling paste, is applied with a brush. Johnson then lifts part of the first layer with cardboard. Successive surface applications are then sanded and finished with steel wool.

Each small square, then, reflects subtle variations in color and texture, often adding the illusive third dimension to what at first appears to be a flat, two-dimensional surface.

His future painting experiments might include the involvement of more color and a richer surface incident.

A showing of Johnson's paintings will open at the San Francisco Museum of Art March 27, with a concurrent exhibition of the Oakland Museum.

Among his major group exhibitions are last year's annual San Francisco Art Festival (where he won a purchase award) and the Oakland Museum's "Introductions show; "Grids," by the Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania; the James D. Phelan Awards Exhibition, California Palace of the Legion of Honor; and exhibitions in Hawaii, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Washington, as well as CCAC student-faculty shows.

A long-time resident of Hawaii, he has attended and taught at the University of Hawaii.

Johnson has traveled extensively in Europe, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, and in addition to his painting, enjoys surfing aand water sports.

He is represented by the Michael Walls Gallery in Los Angeles.

Members of the Contemporary Art Committee who selected Johnson for this initial award are Oakland's Cleveland Bellow, William Dutcher, Mrs. Ron Weiss and Mrs. Ramos; Piedmont's Peter Bowman; Berkeley's Mrs. William L. C. Wheaton; Orinda's Sara Grossman and Mrs. Robert Mitgang; Alameda's Mrs. George Ross; and Mill Valley's Phil Linhares.

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T H E L I F E O F

M A R G A R E T M A I N

"Your joy is your sorrow unmasked. And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises was often-times filled with your tears. And how else can it be?

"The deeper the sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven? And is not the lute that soothes your spirit the very wood that was hollowed with knives? When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.

"Some of you say, 'Joy is greater than sorrow,' and others say, 'Nay, sorrow is the greater.' But I say unto you, they are inseparable. Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.

"Verily you are suspended like scales between your sorrow and your joy. Only when you are empty are you at standstill and balanced. When the treasure-keeper lifts you to weigh his gold and silver, needs must your joy or your sorrow rise or fall."

Congregational Singing

A Sharing of Moments of Aliveness ...Jim Cernohlavek

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Readings: ...Dave McCracken

Old Testament - Psalm 8

New Testament - 1 John 3:11-18 (In Unison)

The message you heard from the very beginning is this:
we must love one another. So do not be surprised,
my brothers, if the people of the world hate you.
We know that we have left death and come over into
life; we know it because we love our brothers. Whoever
does not love is still in death.

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life
for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for
our brothers. If a man is rich and sees his brothers
in need, yet closes his heart against his brother,
how can he claim he has love for God in his heart?
My children, our love should not be just words and
talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

Now Testament

from Inscape by Ross Snyder

from A Book of Change by Frederick Morgan

On Death by Kahlil Gibran

An Allegory ...Jim Cernohlavek

Prayer ...Jim Cernohlavek

The Litany of a Life ...Dave McCracken

*Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" #38

We invite all gathered to share in coffee and fellowship
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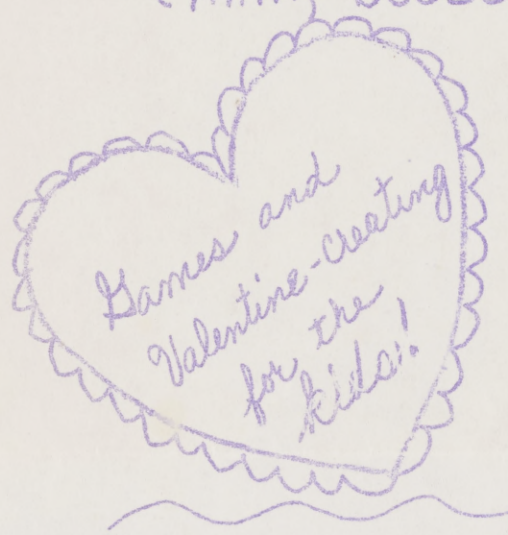
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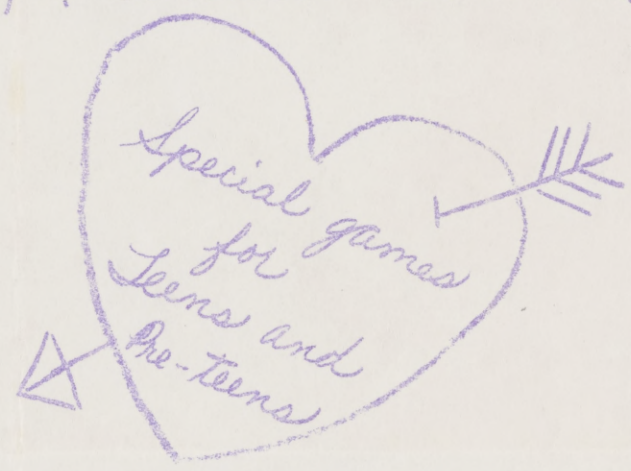
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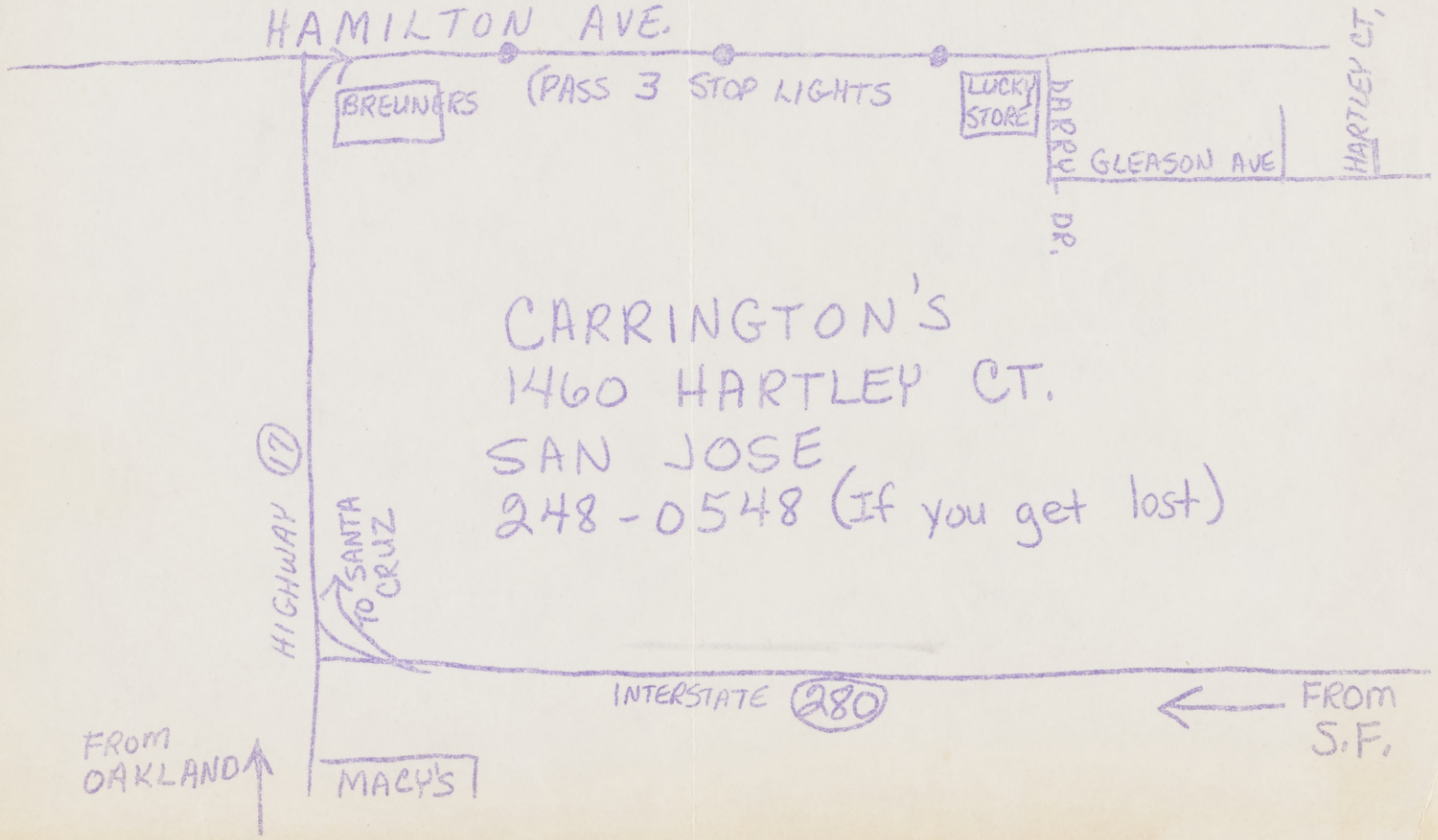
LITTLE - LITTLE'S VALENTINE PARTY

WHEN: SUNDAY - FEB. 11, 1973
2 P.M.
WHERE; THE CARRINGTONS - SAN JOSE

BRING - A HOT DISH, SALAD, OR ROLLS
(HAM, DESSERT, & BEVERAGE PROVIDED)







Just a reminder! Sunday, Nov. 5- Fun for all.

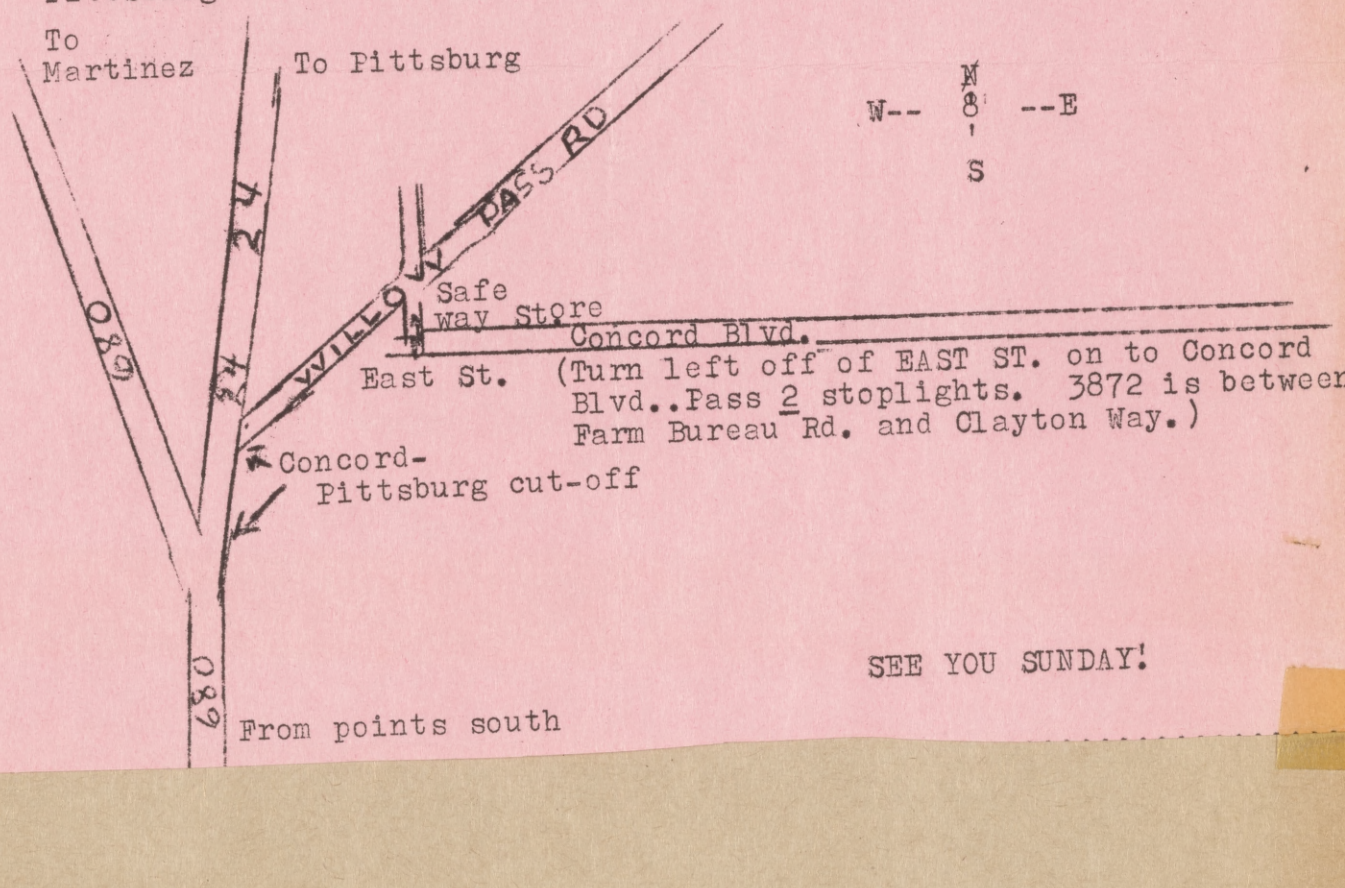
LPA Family Get- Together- beginning at 2:00PM

at the home of Yvonne, Jim, Dana & little-little Yvette Farrington
3872 Concord Blvd., Concord, Ca. PHONE-798-1597..

If possible, let YVONNE know by Saturday at latest, how many are coming....Those living on the peninsula can let Stickneys (589-0695) know....BEVERAGE (punch & coffee), & DESSERT will be provide d...
The rest of us can bring a HOT DISH or SALAD...

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HOW TO GET THERE: Coming from Oakland or San Francisco take 24 to 680..Coming from Richmmnd or Martinez take 4 to 680...Coming from Pittsburg-turn left on 24... Directions on map from 24 or 680.



(Turn left off of EAST ST. on to Concord Blvd..Pass 2 stoplights. 3872 is between Farm Bureau Rd. and Clayton Way.)

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

merry Christmas

SANTA'S Coming soon-
Better Be Good-

Happy New Years

L.P.A Newletter
December 1973

Coming Events: Meeting - San Leandro. American Savings & Loan. 7:30. EAST 14th Avenue. This is late due to last minute changes in places, plus last minute directions

News- Bethany Jewett- going to John Hopkin Hospital for surgery on knees on December

Mrs. Welch & Jon & Michael went back east Mrs. Welch's mother is undergoing surgery

Little Little Party- Christmas Party December 15 1:00, bring hot dish or salad. 1.00 gifts for children under 10, 10 and over up to family 3872 Concord Blvd. 789-1597. Take 680 to Concord. ~~to~~ Take Willow past exit East. Keep on Willow past Road to Galindo, after a shopping center, turn right on Galind, take A left on Concord Blvd. to Jim + Ty ronne Farrington's

Adults- Connie Cummings - 14700 Washington 357-7168.

Bay Bridge - nimitz freeway south to Castro Valley take exit, veer right, come to 3 way stop, Turn left, continue to signal Turn left on Washington

<u>North</u> - Take Washington Ave, veer left

<u>San Mateo Bridge</u> Washington Avenue, veer left.

SAN FRAN CISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER NEWS.....FEBRUARY - 1973

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT FEB. 2 MEETING CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

PRESIDENT: BOB BURGAN, Box 615, Corte Madera, 94925 PHONE 924-6559
Bob's been a member of LPA since 1968. He served SFBAC as vice-president this past year. His wife is the former LINDA BERG of Canada. He's employed by the landscaping division of the State Dept. of Highways. Finds time to direct a bell choir at the MILL VALLEY Methodist church, and play drums with a combo.

VICE-PRESIDENT: PETER NORMAN, 2211 Calif. St. #8, San Francisco, Ca.
A native of Colorado, Peter's lived in the Bay Area since 1969. Treasurer of the SFBAC for the past two years, employed by the Telephone company. His wife is the forme r Kathy McQuire.

SECRETARY: JOAN CECIL HARE, member of LPA since 1969, teen chairman for 3 years, attending College of San Mateo. As of this typing, JOAN and BILL are in the process of moving to another apartment.

TREASURER: BILL HARE, formerly a member of LPA District 4. He's bee n a SFBAC member for a bit over a year. Employed by the Crocker Bank in San Bruno. JOAN and He were married last fall.

AND A GREAT BIG THANKS TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT RICHARD LA RUSSA, and SECRETARY CONNIE CUMMINGS FOR THE JOB THEY DID.

A REMINDER: The Executive Committee of LPA gave it's ok to SFBAC to raise the banquet dues. If the 1973 dues are paid in total by MARCH 15, dues are $7.50 for the year. If you elect to pay by the month it's 75¢ per month. This money pays for the 1974 banquet for the individual. (Auxiliary and little-littles exempt)

32 attend PARENT AUXILIARY MEETING, VALENTINE PARTY, GET-TOGETHER 2-11

Teen DEBBIE CARRINGTON and her family were the hosts at their home in San Jose. While the younger set made valentines, played game s up-stairs, the parents had their meeting downstairs. The TED SIMMONS family of SAN JOSE attended for the first time. They are also ve ry active in HUMAN GROWTH FOUNDATION. Good to meet them. GREAT to see the ABBEY and OLINICK families again.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 7:30 P.M. Regular meeting SFBAC, 7:30 P.M. AMERICAN SAVINGS, 14th and Parrott, SAN LEANDRO

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET, ELEGANT FARMER, JACK LONDON SQUARE, OAKLAND...6:30 - NO HOST SOCIAL HOUR 7:30- BANQUET (Rib-eye Steak and all the trimmings-$6.30 tax and timp included)....RESERVATIONS ARE ABSSLUTELY NECESSARY..If you haven't already, let the EASTS KNOW as soon as possible..Phone 785-1236.. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR..with a good crowd expecte d including a no. from LAC.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9..7:30 P.M. Convention planning meeting-home of KATHY AND PETER NORMAN, Apt. 8, 2211 California St., San Francisco..PLANS ARE GOING GREA T...COME JOIN US...

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 -FUND RAISING LUNCHEON..12 NOON-ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SAN BRUNO..$2.00 donation to Convention fund. A ggod meal, ga mes, prizes..fellowship..PLEASE GET A CARLOAD AND COME..This is put on by LADIES LUNCHEON LEAGUE, who have given luncheons for groups like ours all over the area. RESERVATIONS NEEDED..THE GOAL IS 100 people..WE NEED YOUR HEP. CONTACT HARRIET STICKNEY for tickets..Ph. 589-0695
DIRECTIONS: Coming from north on 101 take SAN BRUNO EXIT-go west on SAN BRUNO AVE. TO EL CAMINO REAL (82)..turn left Go on El Camino about a mi..turn right on SANTA LUCIA..
COMING FROM SOUTH; Take Millbrae exit..go west on Millbra e Ave..turn right at EL CAMINO..go abt. a mi. turn LEFT on SANT LUCIA..ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH is at 1600 SANTA LUCIA..PLENTY OF PARKING AVAILABLE..Baby sitting provided!

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, Starting at noon..LPA OUTING FOR EVERYONE, SINGES, TEENS, ADULTS, CHILDREN..Pack a picnic lunch (be verages avail) CALIFORNIA RAILWAY MUSEUM-RIO VISTA JUNCTION-See enc. brochure for directions. Thanks to the Borgwardt family for arrangments. (There'll be a very short Parent Aux. mtg.)

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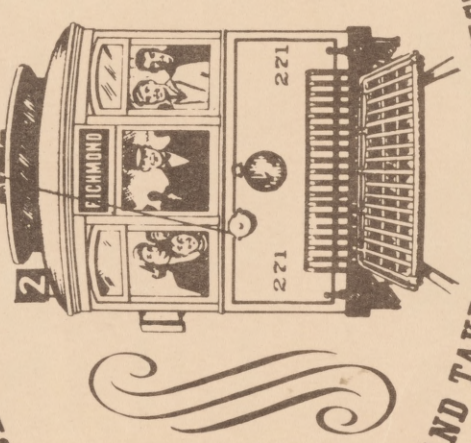
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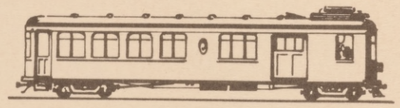
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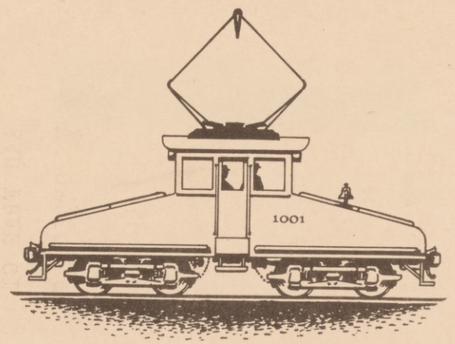


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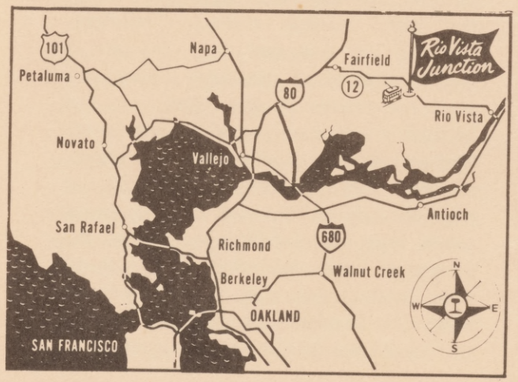


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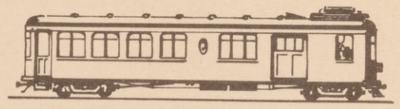
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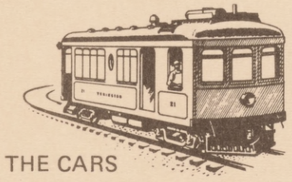
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RIDE THE CARS

As a living Museum, much of the historic equipment is operated, and visitors are afforded the opportunity to ride the cars over 1¼ mile line traversing the Museum grounds. For the young, this may truly be a unique experience; for the not-so-young, the nostalgia of a more tranquil way of life will undoubtedly be rekindled as a bell clangs, an air compressor thumps, motors growl - as an old time trolley car emerges from the near forgotten memory of yesteryear into the reality of today.



RESTORATION

As you continue your visit, you will find most of the equipment housed within the main carbarn where the task of maintenance and restoration is accomplished. Not all of the cars have been restored; some await the talents of interested members who are engaged in restoration programs which can be seen in progress. Some of these efforts are visible on the cars which we operate. None of the cars in the collection are beyond restoration; the rate of progress is only limited by time, funds and facilities. Your inspection is invited.

SAFETY

Due to the dynamic quality of this unique Museum, we offer these few reminders of caution: Car roofs are fragile and close to the high voltage trolley. Therefore, climbing on side and tops of cars is strictly prohibited. Similarly, since cars may be moved at any time, crawling beneath any car must not be attempted. While crossing or walking near the tracks, be alert for approaching cars. Cars or engines may be entered for inspection unless they are closed or marked to the contrary; when boarding cars observe your footing and keep a firm grip on handrails. Boarding or alighting moving equipment should not be attempted.

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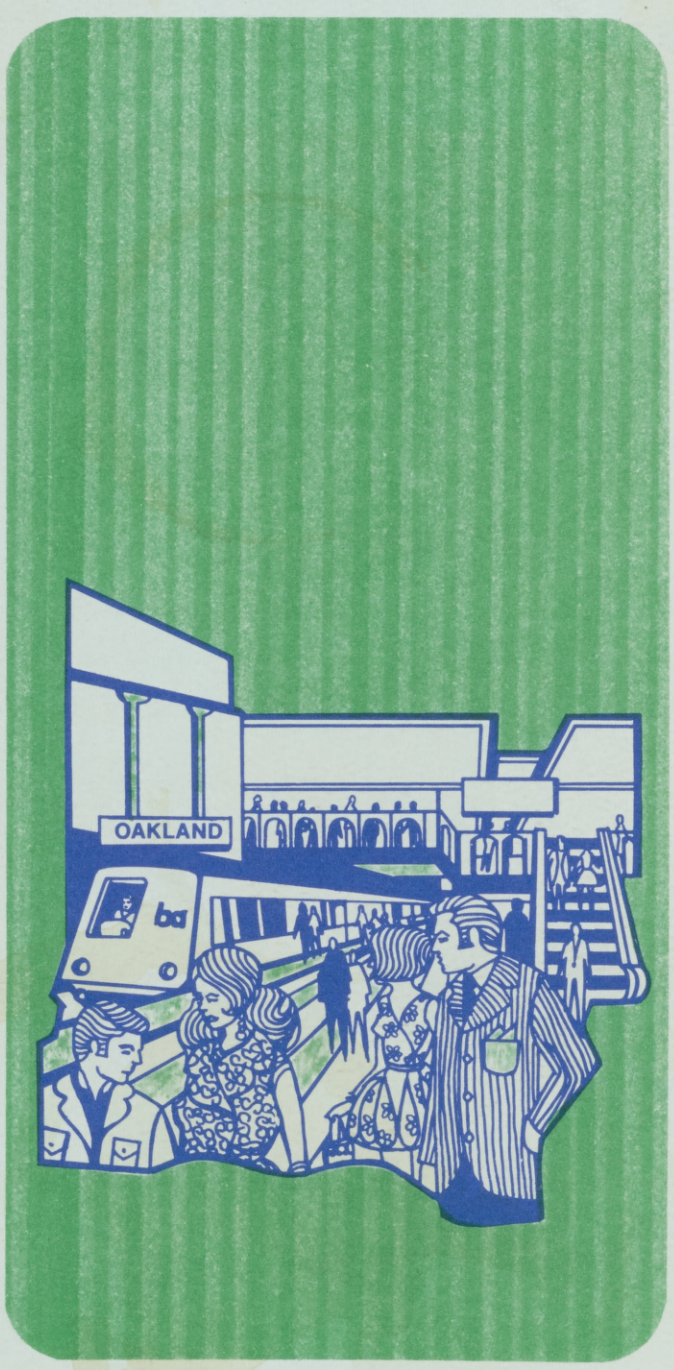
"We would like to recruit the Bay Area's little people who aren't members," Mrs. Carlino explained. "Some are self-conscious about being dwarfs, as I used to be. We would like to interest them in our club. Some won't associate with us. I feel sorry for them."



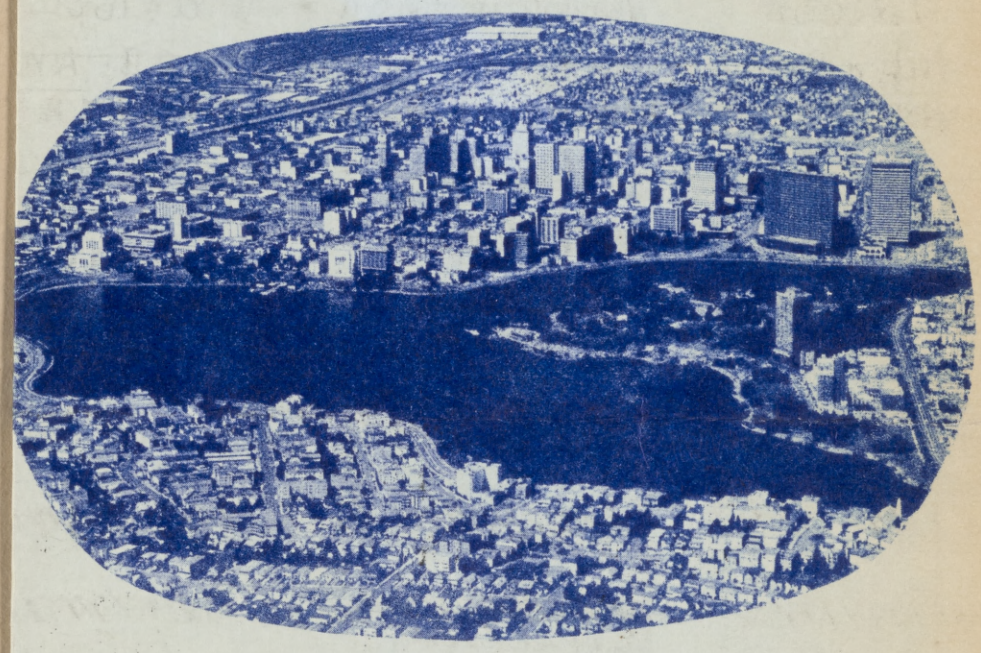
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FACTS & FEATURES GUIDE



Welcome to OAKLAND



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OAKLAND is a city with a changing face, a new image. It is a community with an attitude of partnership and dedication. Our Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Complex, historic Jack London Square, the Oakland Museum, and the many and varied cultural activities give Oakland a solid foundation for inspired new development.



As Mayor it has been my privilege to work with leadership in this city which destines it to become one of the most progressive and colorful in the country in the years ahead. Currently we have several multi-million dollar public and private projects under way, with many more exciting developments to come. I extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit Oakland.

John H. Reading
Mayor, City of Oakland

Frank H. Ogawa, Vice Mayor
Councilman Paul A. Brom
Councilman Felix Chialvo
Councilman Dr. Raymond L. Eng
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Cecil S. Riley, City Manager
Robert M. Odell, Jr., Director of Finance & City Treasurer
Alan Brizee, City Auditor

THE ORIGINAL SITE OF OAKLAND was part of the holdings of Don Luis Maria Peralta, who received vast grants from the Spanish Crown. In 1842, he divided his lands among his four sons, and the two to whom this region fell established themselves on their estates. From one of them in 1850, Moses Chase leased a tract, and he became the founder of the future city. In May, 1852, Oakland was incorporated as a town and in 1854 it was chartered as a city. Horace W. Carpentier was the first Mayor. The name, Oakland, was suggested by the groves of Oaks in which the first homes were built.

LOCATION — Oakland is connected on the mainland side of San Francisco Bay with the peninsular city of San Francisco by the 8 1/4-mile San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (auto toll 50c one way only). The Metropolitan Area (Alameda County) extends for 23 miles along the San Francisco Bay eastward to the San Joaquin Valley, consisting of an almost unbroken chain of factories, waterfront industries, commercial trading centers and residences. Included are the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, Oakland, Alameda, San Leandro, Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, Pleasanton, Livermore, and unincorporated communities of Castro Valley, Dublin and San Lorenzo.

AREA — Oakland covers a land area of 53.4 square miles, a water area of 25.7 square miles, totaling 79 square miles. Alameda County has 733 square miles of land area.

POPULATION — The city of Oakland, county seat of Alameda County, has a population of 361,561. Alameda County, largest county in Northern California according to the 1970 census, has 1,073,000 residents.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT — Consists of an elected Mayor and eight councilmen. Council-Manager form of government was inaugurated in 1931.

ALTITUDE — Sea level rising to elevation of 1,200 to 1,900 feet in Oakland-Berkeley Hills.

CLIMATE — Mild year-round temperatures outstanding feature of Oakland/Alameda County with prevailing westerly winds from the Pacific resulting in warm winters and cool summers. Annual mean temperature 57 degrees; mean temperature in January 47.8 degrees. Fog overcast is common in summer months clearing by noon. Annual rainfall is 17.7 between months of November to April. Snowfall is rare.

HOTELS-MOTELS — A variety of overnight accommodations can be found in Oakland. The Hotels and Motor Hotels include the latest facilities and conveniences for visitors and convention delegates. An up-to-date Hotel-Motel Guide is available by writing to the Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1320 Webster Street, Oakland, California 94612.

THEATERS — 19 Theaters; 2 drive-ins; Kaiser Center Auditorium; Metropolitan Theater; Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum and Sports Arena; Oakland Auditorium Theater; Oakland Museum; Oakland Symphony Hall; and Woodminster Amphitheater.

LIBRARIES — Oakland Public Library, main branch 125 - 14th Street, Oakland 94612. 23 branch libraries, including a Latin American Library. New Jack London Room at Main Branch Library.

CHURCHES — 300 Churches representing over 72 denominations within the City; over 500 churches in Alameda County. Headquarters for Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland, 2900 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland 94610.

HOSPITALS — 10 general hospitals, 1 psychiatric hospital, 1 U.S. Naval Hospital (Oak Knoll). Many established and new convalescent hospitals located in Oakland and throughout the County.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES — Oakland has 664 doctors; over 200 dentists; 55 optometrists; 10 medical laboratories.

NEWSPAPERS, RADIO & TELEVISION — Oakland Tribune (daily and Sunday) circulation 275,000, 401 - 13th Street, Oakland 94612. Inter-City Express (legal, daily). 9 semi and weekly papers: California Voice Claremont Press, East Bay Labor Journal, East Oakland News, Monteclarion, Neighborhood Journal, Oakland Times, The Piedmonter, Portugese Journal. KTVU Channel 2 Television Station, KABL, KNEW and KDIA radio, plus a number of FM stations.

FIRE, POLICE DEPARTMENTS — 658 firemen, 27 stations, 118 pieces of equipment, 1 fireboat; complement of 714 uniformed police, 201 automobiles and 45 motorcycles.

MOTOR VEHICLES — Service fee of $6 is charged for original registration in California on all new or used vehicles purchased out of state and previously registered elsewhere. This is in addition to any regular registration fees or use tax which may be payable. Registration is frequently honored until date of expiration of passenger vehicles registered in the State of last residence. Contact Dept. of Motor Vehicles for verification. Vehicle license fee $11 yearly (station wagons $12) plus 2% of market value of vehicle (in lieu of local personal property taxes). Visitors over 18 years of age who have a valid drivers license issued to him by home state or country may drive in California as long as the license remains valid or until he becomes a resident. Application fee for every license or instruction permit is $3.25. Identification card available for non-drivers of 18 years or over with social security number for fee of $3.25. **Caution:** Heavy penalties may be due if unauthorized vehicles are used on California Highways. Summary of motor vehicle code available at all field offices. Local office: **California State Department of Motor Vehicles, 5300 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, Ca. 94618. Telephone (415) 464-0935.**

SCHOOLS — Oakland City School system consisting of 67 elementary, 15 junior high schools, 8 high schools and 16 children's centers. Peralta Community College District, total enrollment of 22,618 with five campuses — Alameda, Grove Street, Laney, Merritt, Feather River at Quincy, California, and one East Bay Skills Training Center. Locale of private colleges including California College of Arts and Crafts, California Concordia College, Golden Gate Academy, College of Holy Names and famed Mills College. 27 accredited business and vocational schools; 32 day nursery schools, 7 private schools, and numerous parochial schools sponsored by Christian, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist Churches. Public school information obtainable from Oakland Board of Education, 1025 Second Avenue, Oakland 94606.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES — Oakland Museum features permanent and changing exhibitions on past and contemporary California Art, History and Natural Science; the East Bay Negro Historical Museum offers memorabilia of black culture. Fine arts groups include East Bay Children's Theater, Oakland Junior and Civic Theaters and Woodminster Summer Theatricals. Three ballet groups offer year-round programs — Oakland Civic Ballet, Oakland Metropolitan Ballet and Oakland Ballet Company. Outstanding yearly events are featured such as California Spring Garden Show and Exposition, Folk and Square Dance Festivals, Outdoor Art Shows, Gem and Mineral Show, Christmas Holiday Decorations Program, Children's Christmas Pageant, Oakland Hobby Show, National Roadster Show, Annual Recreational Vehicle Show. Music groups of renown perform notably Oakland Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Oakland Community Orchestra, Young Peoples Symphony Orchestra, and programs by the Oakland Civic Music Association and summer concerts by Oakland Municipal Band. Continuing programs and events presented by various ethnic groups.

PARKS AND RECREATION — Lake Merritt, 155-acre body of salt water (only tidal salt water lake in heart of an American city) located in the center of Oakland surrounded by Lakeside Park, a recreation center including Children's Fairyland, a Natural Science Center, Federal Duck Refuge, picnic area, Lakeside Garden Center Building, Japanese, Begonia, Dahlia, Chrysanthemum Gardens, bandstand for summer concerts. Fairyland is an animated Mother Goose storybook land scaled to size of children with more than 60 fanciful sets and features taken from children's literature. The City maintains 75 school playgrounds, 65 park areas totalling 1,620 acres, 23 recreation centers and municipal playgrounds, 10 recreational areas, 31 tot lots, 5 day camps, 1 family and 2 children's camps in the Feather River Country; year-round supervised recreational program in parks & school facilities.

Regional Park System of the East Bay (2 counties) consists of 26,000 acres of semi-wild wooded areas providing recreation for all ages. Facilities include out-door swimming, fishing, hiking bicycling, motorcycle trails, archery and marksmanship ranges, golf courses, equestrain trails, boating, picnic and children's playgrounds, overnight camping for family and youth groups. Coyote Hills Regional Park, site of Bio-Sonar Experimental Laboratory and locale of ancient Indian mounds. Two State Parks situated in the region—Knowland State Arboretum and Park, home of the Oakland Zoo, 98th Avenue and MacArthur Freeway, and Alameda Memorial State and Regional Beach in nearby city of Alameda.

Jack London Square and Marina, park-like restaurant and shopping area situated along Oakland Estuary. Estuary Park for fishing, boat launching and with picnic areas. Beautiful year-round Morcom Amphitheater of Roses near Lake Merritt. Dunsmuir House and Gardens, historical, horticultural and cultural center, 106th Avenue and MacArthur Blvd.

All types of spectator and participant sports—professional baseball (Oakland A's) football (Oakland Raiders), ice-hockey (California Golden Seals) professional basketball (Golden State Warriors), roller derby, bicycling, swimming, fishing, tennis, sailing and boating on Lake Merritt; water-skiing, sailing and boating on Oakland Estuary; indoor and lawn bowling, golf on 2 municipal courses, rifle and gun clubs.

HIGHWAYS — Nimitz and Eastshore Freeways, a multilane freeway providing nonstop travel from San Jose north to Sacramento. MacArthur Freeway from San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to Castro Valley. Warren Freeway providing multilane traffic service from upper Berkeley area to south of Oakland along the foothills. Grove-Shafter Freeway connects San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge with Orinda, Walnut Creek areas to northeast and provides ready access to downtown Oakland.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS — Commercial banks: Alameda First National Bank, Bank of America, Bank of California, Bank of Tokyo, Barclay's Bank of California, Central Valley National Bank, The Chartered Bank of London, Crocker National Bank, First Enterprise Bank, First State Bank of San Leandro, First Western, Security National Bank, Security Pacific National Bank, Suitomo Bank, Union Bank, United California Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank. Savings and Loan Associations: American Savings and Loan, Bay View Federal Savings and Loan, California Savings and Loan, Citizens Federal Savings and Loan, Fidelity Savings and Loan, First Federal Savings & Loan, Golden West Savings and Loan, Great Western Savings and Loan, Home Savings and Loan, Northern California Savings and Loan, Security Savings and Loan, and Thrift Federal Savings and Loan.

HOUSING — Housing in Oakland/Alameda County is sufficient to permit selectivity. Apartments, including many newly constructed, in all price ranges, are in ample supply ranging from $100-$125 for 2 rooms to luxury apartments of $250 or more. Flats, duplexes and houses are available but in smaller quantity than apartments. There is a wide choice both in the purchasing of a home and building sites. Prices vary depending on size, condition and location. $30,000 to $50,000 will purchase a three or four bedroom two-bath home in the new category. A home of 20 years will cost approximately $22,000 to $30,000 for two bedrooms or $23,000 to $38,000 for three bedrooms. Lots cost anywhere from $8,500 to $18,000. Listing of rentals and sale property to be found in classified section of daily and Sunday editions of Oakland Tribune. 11 Church-sponsored retirement centers and 2 residence hotels for senior citizens in heart of the city. Other private retirement centers, homes, apartments and low-rent public housing available both in Oakland and within close commuting distance.

EMPLOYMENT — Opportunities vary according to occupation or profession. Union locals represent semi-skilled and skilled trades in the area. Prospective residents should contact appropriate union office for information as to job possibilities. Commercial, professional, industrial and domestic positions listed with private employment agencies and California State Department of Human Resources 235 12th Street, Oakland 94607. Ongoing, active programs for minority job training and placement; 3 adult service centers for testing and referral; 3 ethnic centers offering assistance in job placement. Job vacancies listed in daily and Sunday editions of Oakland Tribune.

UTILITIES — Gas and Electricity — Natural gas utilized for heating and domestic purposes, also electricity. Average annual residential cost for gas $96.98; electricity $87.20. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 1625 Clay Street, Oakland 94612. Telephone (415) 835-8500.

Water — East Bay Municipal Utility District, publicly-owned, non-profit utility, services 100% filtered water to area. Average residential charges $4.82 monthly. Business office located at 250 - 17th Street, Oakland 94612. Telephone (415) 835-3000.

Telephone — Average residential telephone service costs from $2.25 to $4.80 for private line. A business charge is $6.00. Pacific Telephone Company Business Office, 2140 Franklin Street, Oakland 94612. Telephone (415) 451-9000.

TAXES — Composite rate of property taxes averages $13.85 per $100 assessed valuation; suburban cities and rural areas average $9 to $16. Assessed valuation is 25% of full cash value. Oakland has a city and state sales tax of 5 1/2% on the dollar with food and prescription drugs exempt. State income tax is based on net income, and rates vary from 1% to 10%. Personal exemption credits of $25 for single person, $50 for married couple or head of household, and $8 for each dependent. Administering agency: Franchise Tax Board, State Office Building, 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland. 94607. Information regarding city and county tax rates available from the County Auditor; assessed value and location information from the County Assessor; and tax payment and delinquency information from the County Tax Collector, address: Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland 94612.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT — Underway is a $100 million six-block redevelopment project in the heart of downtown Oakland, which will include 3 major office towers, a 400-plus-room hotel with occupancy to begin late 1973. Plans for future expansion are an additional nine-block area including 3 to 4 department stores, a shopping mall, restaurants and entertainment facilities. Future development has commenced in Chinatown and Ninth Street Victorian Row area adjacent to the City Center Complex and the proposed Convention Center. A continuing surge of new office facilities is being completed in central Oakland as well as in the Port of Oakland Industrial Park and adjacent areas.

Kaiser Center, an Oakland landmark located on the west side of Lake Merritt, is headquarters for the organization's 96-nation wide and foreign plants. Combination office, parking garage and shopping center complex represents an investment of $47,000,000. The structure is now joined to the 28-story Ordway Building addition costing $30,000,000. Adjacent Kaiser property is being master-planned for development in the near future.

AIRPORT — Oakland International Airport is located in the geographical center of the Bay Area population apex, and within minutes of downtown Oakland. Complete service offered by Air California, American Airlines, Holiday, Hughes Air West, PSA, SFO Helicopter, Trans World, United Airlines, Valley Airlines and Western Airlines. One of the nation's most advanced air transportation operations with modern terminal facilities, runways and approach-takeoff areas and air freight terminal. Excellent facilities provide headquarters for World Airways, Trans International Airlines and Saturn Airways. Airport limousine service available to Berkeley, downtown Oakland and San Francisco. Bus service by A/C Transit to all points in Oakland and surrounding communities with connections to Bay Area Rapid Transit. Corporate and personal aviation served by separate North Field providing two runways and complete facilities devoted to general aviation and maintenance activities.

TRANSPORTATION — Oakland is served by the Transcontinental Freight terminuses for the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Santa Fe (Richmond) railroads. Under the newly created AMTRAK Passenger Rail Service, Oakland is a major station for coast-wide service from San Diego to Vancouver and from Oakland to Chicago. Inland waterways and ocean freight service is provided by the Port of Oakland (see Port of Oakland). Air service is provided by leading carriers (see Airport). A billion-dollar Rapid Transit System centered and headquartered in Oakland will serve Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties. The first section between Oakland Central Business District and the City of Fremont is in operation. Transbay service to San Francisco will commence in 1973. Bus service by A/C Transit to all points in Oakland and surrounding communities. City and area serviced by Greyhound, Continental Trailways and Peerless Stages.

PORT OF OAKLAND — Northern California's leading shipping center in tonnage and dollar values of cargo handled. Largest containerized cargo port on West Coast and second largest facility in world. Facilities include 10 container berths served by 10 container cranes with 280 acres of back-up and storage space for containers. Combined with general cargo facilities, there are 24 berths and over million square feet of transit shed and container freight station space. New 140-acre Seventh Street Terminal will feature 8 quay-type deepwater berths each with automated cargo handling facilities and equipment. Import/export distribution centers for consolidation, coordination, storage and distribution of cargo. Bulk loader and bulk bagging plant available. Cargo facilities are of steel and concrete construction, have spacious aprons and designed to facilitate truck traffic. All berths lie outside of downtown traffic patterns and are within minutes of transcontinental highways and railroad systems.

INDUSTRIES — The Metropolitan Area—including all of Alameda County—extends from Albany on the north, along the waterfront of the mainland side of San Francisco Bay, through Fremont and Newark on the south and into Pleasanton and Livermore in the southeast.

Today there are currently 1,675 manufacturing plants in Oakland/Alameda County providing jobs for 84,000 employees and producing a value added by manufacture of over 1.3 billion dollars. Leading group classes of products produced in the county are processed foods, passenger cars and trucks, office equipment, tin and glass containers, calculating and data processing machines, fabricated metal products, floor coverings, chemicals, paints, printing and publishing.

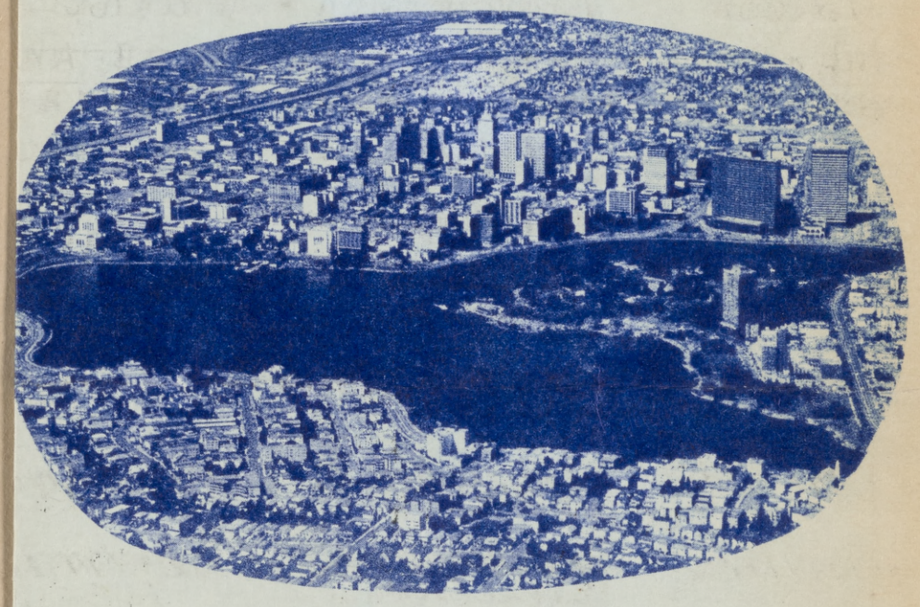
The freeway system is making Oakland and Alameda County more of a transportation hub and, therefore, a natural location for distribution activities. Growth of wholesale activities in Alameda County has reached a current sales volume of 3.7 billion.

Permanent government installations give further economic stability to the area. These include the world's largest aircraft overhaul and repair facility in the United States, and the Oakland Army Base, where personnel and material are shipped to the entire Pacific region.

Pleasanton-Livermore Valley is a major western center for the development of nucleonics, with Western Electric's Sandia Corporation plant, the University of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and Pacific Gas & Electric-General Electric Companies' Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory, holder of U.S. License No. 1 for the world's first privately financed Atomic electricity.

A twenty-five million dollar research center for Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Company is in operation in the Pleasanton area now consolidating the company's research and technical activities in Pleasanton.

Welcome to OAKLAND



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DISTRICT 12

CONVENTION PLANNING
WEEKEND - DISTRICT 12
MAY 4, 5, 6 - 1973
Oakland Hilton

Friday, May 4 - Registration 6:00 P.M. to ?
Mixing - Mingling -

Saturday May 5
Bft. and lunch on your own -
8:00 A.M. - DISTRICT BOARD MTG.

9:30 A.M. GENERAL MEETING -
Convention Reports -

1:30 P.M. - SHORT STATURE CONFERENCE
Panel - AL STICKNEY - Dist. Direton
DR DAVID RIMOIN
DR DON JEWETT

6:30 P.M. - SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 P.M. - BANQUET - TERRACE ROOMS -
ROAST BEEF AU JUS - ENTREE
Salad - potatoe - beverage - dessert

DOCUMENTARY FILM - LPA
DANCING -

Sunday, May 6 -
9:30 A.M. - Closing General Meeting

Have a safe trip home -

Thanks for coming

July 23-27 See you

COMING EVENTS

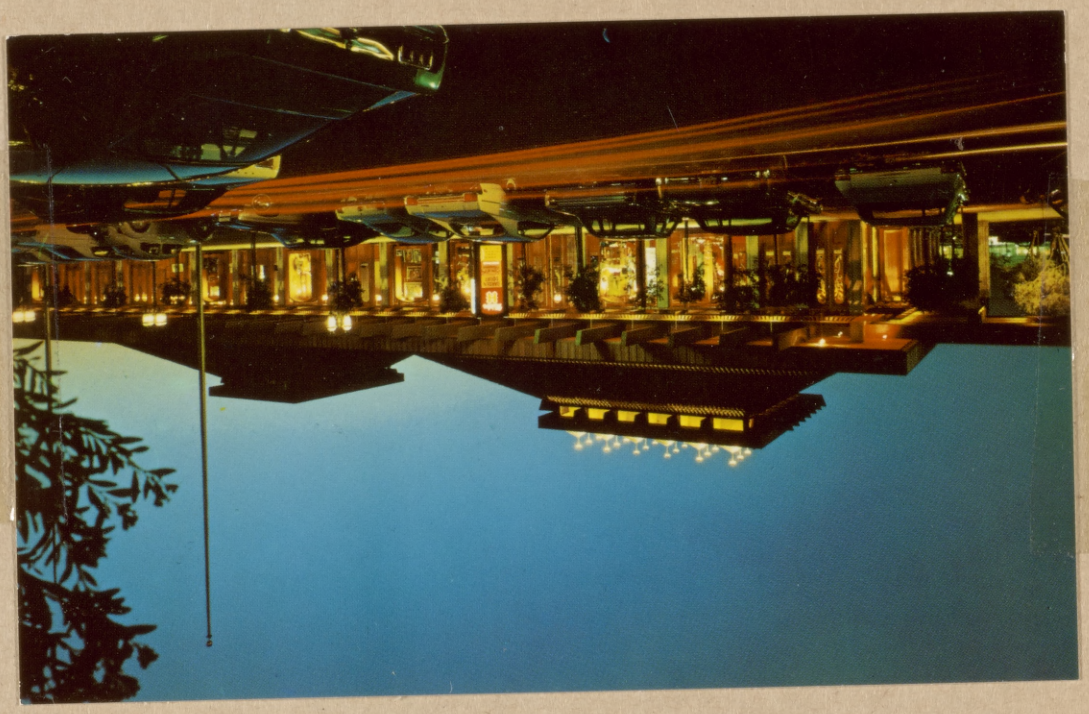
May 12 - eve. SF BAC baseball game
(Details this weekend)

May 19 - 3:00 P.M. Rodeo Parade
Turlock - Ca. ST group will have a float. Do come if you can.

June 23 Annual LPA Outing -
PONZA RANCH - SOQUEL -

JULY 23-27 - Oakland Hilton
15th Annual LPA CONVENTION

A very special thank-you to the members of the medical profession who took time to join us - Hope to see you, too, in July -



1661 East 14th St., San Leandro...

2nd Saturday of each month..SAN JOAQUIN AREA..meets during the day at homes of members..Contact President Darrell Dietrich for details.

3rd Saturday of each month..LAC..Recreation building.Ford Park in Bell Gardens, 7:30 P.M. President, Billy Barty...All 3 addresses of the presidents are in your current roster.

.....MARK YOUR CALENDAR..NOW.....

MAY 1...Registration for Convention Planning Weekend due..

MAY 4,5, and 6 OAKLAND HILTON, CONVENTION PLANNING WEEKEND..
MAY 5...1:30 P.M. INFORMAL SHORT STATURE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 23..ANNUAL SFBAC OUTING..at the MICHAEL PONZA'S RANCH
2610 N. Rodeo Gulch Road, Soquel, Ca. 95073 11:00 A.M.-5:00
Any and all welcome..GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL..Details later

JULY 23-27..15th ANNUAL NATIONAL LPA CONVENTION..OAKLAND HILTON

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MAY Convention Planning Weekend - Oakland Hilton
4,5,6 and INFORMAL CONFERENCE ON SHORT STATURE

COUNTDOWN CONVENTION, hear what the committees have planned, see how you can help, get acquainted with THE OAKLAND HILTON, #1 Hegenberger Road at Doolittle Drive. There'll be time for socializing, too, including a banquet, Saturday night.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING: Coming either way on HIGHWAY 17, take exit marked OAKLAND AIRPORT..The area is in the southern part of Oakland.
FLYING..simply phone the inn and the courtesy car will be there.
Reservation cards are enclosed. NOTE: RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED 14 days prior to arrival..ALSO good idea to include one night's lodging if you plan to arrive after 6:00 P.M.
NOT listed on card..3 in a room - $9.35 ea 4 in a room - $8.25 ea

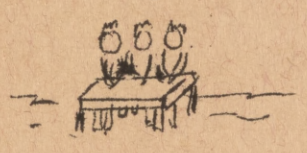
PROGRAM

FRIDAY..MAY 4..LPA Registration desk open after 6:00
Mix, mingle, get acquainted with CONVENTION '73 HEADQUARTERS.

SATURDAY.MAY 5..Breakfast on your own..8:00 -DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

9:30 A.M. GENERAL MEETING - Convention progress, committee reports.. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN..

1:30 P.M. ..INFORMAL SHORT STATURE MEDICAL CONFERENCE.....



PANEL- AL STICKNEY, moderator: DAVID RIMOIN, M.D. Phd Director, Short Stature Clinic, Harbor General Hospital, UCLA, DR. DON JEWETT, member SFBAC Parent Auxiliary.

Following the panel question and answer period, members of the audience will be introduced.
SPECIAL GUESTS; physicians from the Greater Bay Area with knowledge and experience of the problems in short stature. At least 2 pediatricians, 2 orthopaedists, and 2 geneticists have already indicated their interest in attending.

Immediately following, interested members of LPA can meet INFORMALLY and PRIVATELY with the physicians for advice and referrals with respect to the medical problems related to short stature. THOSE INTERESTED - please wear bathing suits under your regular clothes..X-Rays are very important and should be brought along to the meeting.

This is our first such meeting in No. Calif., it is a result of many requests from YOU, the members. IF successful we may make it a regular feature..

If your own doctor would be interested in attending..send his name and address immediately..and he'll be sent an invitation.

REQUEST FROM DR. RIMOIN: To help further studies concerning possible causes of some of the types of short stature.. our help is needed. Very much appreciated would be volunteers SMALL skin samples are needed, does not hurt anymore than taking blood. THIS IS PURELY VOLUNTARY..

(Rest of weekend schedule next page)

DETACH AND MAIL TO AL BY TUES., MAY 1

PLEASE return if you are attending ANY or all of weekend..
Make check or money order payable to LPA-District 12..Mail by May 1 to AL STICKNEY, Box 633, San Bruno, Ca.

_____Single Registration 50¢ ___Sat. Banquet $5.40 (inc. tax & tip)
_____Family Registration $1.00

LIST NAME OF EACH PERSON ATTENDING_____

ADDRESS (St. city, zip) _____

___Interested in meeting with physicians
Special concern, if any_____Type of short stature if known_____
or questions..

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Members - California Chapter
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Airport Marina
Fresno, California

At this time, I would like to express my heartfelt wishes that this weekend convention here in Fresno is one of the most successful the State Chapter has ever held.

On behalf of the City of Oakland and the Oakland Hilton Inn, I would like to take this opportunity to invite the Little People of America Inc. to the exciting San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area for your July 1973 National Convention.

It is my understanding that your group has never met in the Bay Area, and I would like to point out that Oakland is only a five-minute drive across the Oakland-Bay Bridge from San Francisco. By staying in Oakland, you would obtain the most economical rates available yet still be in a position to see for yourself just why Tony Bennett "Left His Heart In San Francisco".

I have thoroughly reviewed information on your 1970 Convention in Portland and your 1971 Convention in Atlanta. Based on thorough review of these reports, the following is an outline of one way in which the Oakland Hilton could handle your requirements:

SATURDAY - JULY 21, 1973

9AM-5PM	Registration Desk Open	Foyer

SUNDAY - JULY 22, 1973

8:30AM-5:00PM	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
2:00PM-4:00PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Director Suite #1121
2:00PM	Teen Meeting	Terrace I & II
2:00PM	Parents Auxiliary	Terrace III
6:00PM	Teen Pool Party	Poolside
5:00PM	Board of Directors Banquet	Terrace III
9:00PM	Pre-Convention Cocktail Party	Terrace I & II
9:00PM	Pre-Convention Cocktail Party	Garden Court

MONDAY - JULY 23, 1973

8:30AM-Noon	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
7:30AM-9:00AM	Breakfast	D-E-F-G Rooms
9:00AM-11:30AM	Welcome & General Meeting	Int'l. Ballroom
12 Noon-1:00PM	Luncheon	D-E-F-G Rooms
1:00PM-4:00PM	Outside planned activities Possible tour to Oakland & Jack London Square Area	
4:00PM-5:00PM	Parents Auxiliary Meeting	Terrace III
5:00PM-6:00PM	Talent Show Rehersal	Terrace I & II
6:00PM-8:00PM	Dinner	Int'l. Ballroom
8:00PM-9:30PM	Talent Show	Int'l. Ballroom
9:30PM-1:00AM	Dance to Live Music	Int'l. Ballroom
9:30PM-1:00AM	Teen Dance if desired, separate	Terrace Rooms

TUESDAY - JULY 24, 1973

7:30AM-9:00AM	Breakfast	D-E-F-G Rooms
9:00AM-10:30AM	General Meeting	Int'l. Ballroom
11:00AM	How about a most interesting trip to the Napa Valley, the heart of America's Wine Country for a tour of the vineyards and wine tasting.	
5:30PM-7:00PM	Dinner	Int'l. Ballroom
7:00PM	Free Evening - Possibly a visit to San Francisco, one of the most exciting cities in the world. Try the cable cars or visit China Town or any of the many other interesting night life areas.	

WEDNESDAY - JULY 25, 1973

7:30AM-9:00AM	Breakfast	D-E-F-G Rooms
9:00AM-11:00AM	General Meeting	Int'l. Ballroom
11:00AM-Noon	Group Pictures	
12 Noon-1:00PM	Luncheon	D-E-F-G Rooms
1:15PM-4:30PM	How about a tour over the Golden Gate Bridge to the lovely Art Colony of Sausalito and return to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco for a visit to Ghiardelli Square.	
5:00PM-6:00PM	Fashion Show Rehersal	Int'l. Ballroom
6:00PM-7:00PM	Dinner	Int'l. Ballroom
7:30PM-9:00PM	Fashion Show	Int'l. Ballroom
9:00PM-11:00PM	Teen Dance	Terrace Rooms
9:00PM-1:00AM	Dancing	Int'l. Ballroom

THURSDAY - JULY 26, 1973

7:30AM-9:00AM	Breakfast	D-E-F-G Rooms
9:00AM-11:30AM	General Meeting	Balroom Center
12 Noon-1:00PM	Luncheon	D-E-F-G Rooms
1:15PM-5:00PM	How about a free afternoon to choose for yourself just what exciting activity you care to partake in. Maybe the Oakland Athletics Baseball Team will be in town or maybe you would prefer to schedule a bowling tournament.	
5:00PM-6:00PM	Parents Auxiliary Meeting	Terrace III
6:30PM	No-Host Cocktail Party	Ballroom Foyer
7:00PM	Annual Little People of America	Int'l. Ballroom
9:00PM	Banquet	Int'l. Ballroom

FRIDAY - JULY 27, 1972

7:30AM-9:00AM	Breakfast	D-E-F-G Rooms
9:00AM-11:30AM	General Meeting	Int'l. Ballroom
11:30AM-1:00PM	Luncheon	D-E-F-G Rooms
1:00PM	Bus trip or private auto to San Francisco.	

I have in no way been able to outline all of the activities available in this area but have mentioned only a few of which I feel the Little People would be most interested in. One of the most important things you should be interested in is the ideal weather that can be expected during your stay here. Daytime temperatures are almost always in the comfortable 75-80° range, with cool evenings to be the rule not the exception. Rain is almost unheard of during July.

I hope to have the pleasure of speaking personally with many of you during these next two days and will make every effort to answer any of your questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Oakland Hilton in July 1973.

Best Wishes,

Phil Thomas

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The public building of the Oakland Hilton Inn, designed by architects Maher & Martens to house restaurants, shops, meeting rooms and ballroom, separate from the guest units. Redwood is extensively used throughout the Inn.

Oakland Hilton Inn greets guests in California style

When Hilton Hotels Corporation embarked upon plans for the Oakland Hilton Inn, located at Oakland International Airport, it was decided to welcome guests and travelers in a style combining the traditional warmth and hospitality of the West, the elegance of the Bay Area, and the world-famed Hilton expertise.

The Hilton Corporation retained architects Maher & Martens, San Francisco, to design the Inn, and the result is a happy answer to all the requirements.

The warm, natural materials establish the mood — California redwood, richly colored stained glass, spanish tile roofs and natural, reinforced concrete.

The architects produced a low-lying cluster of four buildings, three of which are three-story hotel structures with a total of 300 guest units. The fourth building is a single story, double-roof structure of restaurants, bar-lounge, meeting and ballrooms serving a wide variety of residents, groups and airport traffic.

In the public building, naturally finished redwood is the principal material both inside and out and its warmth and beauty create a mood of gracious California elegance, reminiscent of the Victorian frontier era. Tall vertical paneling lends a spacious airiness to the interior of the building, which is pleasingly low from the outside.

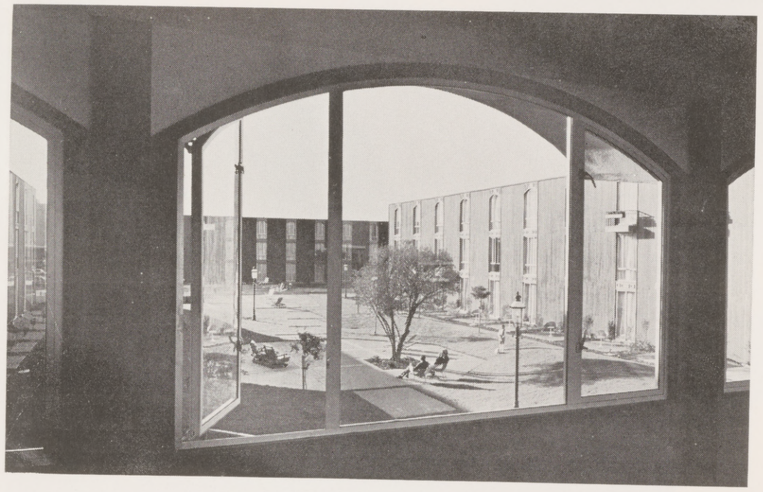
The height is relieved in turn with large-scale redwood timber beams and trellises, giving a feeling of substance and scale to bar-lounges, dining areas and meeting rooms.

The interior designer, Fred E. Brooks of Carmel, worked closely with the architects so that a harmony of mood and materials prevails throughout, the architectural structure remaining the dominant theme, with decorative touches of Victoriana, complementary colorings and furnishings used to heighten the overall ambience.

Exterior siding on all buildings is 1x6 Clear All Heart vertical grain resawn redwood shiplap, with the same pattern used for the interior of the public building.

The robust elegance of the frontier is captured in the design of the Beef Barron restaurant where redwood paneling, beams and trellis combine with rich colors and a 100-year-old wine cask to set the mood. Interior designer was Fred E. Brooks, Carmel.





Redwood siding — Clear All Heart vertical grain 1x6 shiplap resawn with a light stain finish — softens the contemporary lines of the three guest unit buildings. Landscape design is by Anthony M. Guzzardo and Associates.

In the Room of Champions, leaded colored glass panels of athletic figures blend with redwood and concrete as a feature of the interior design.



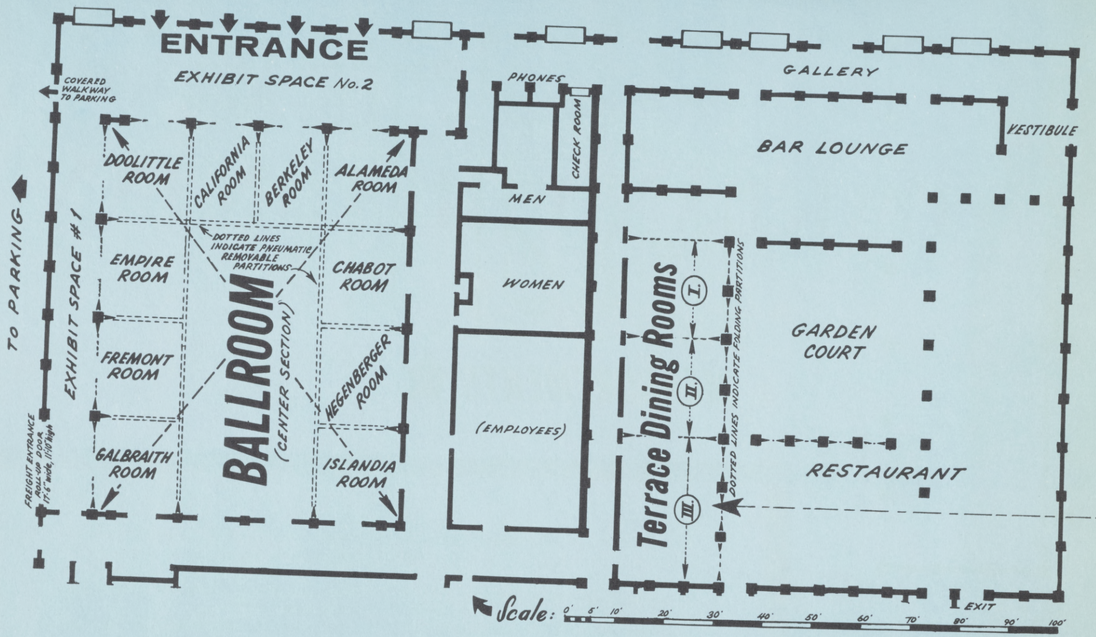
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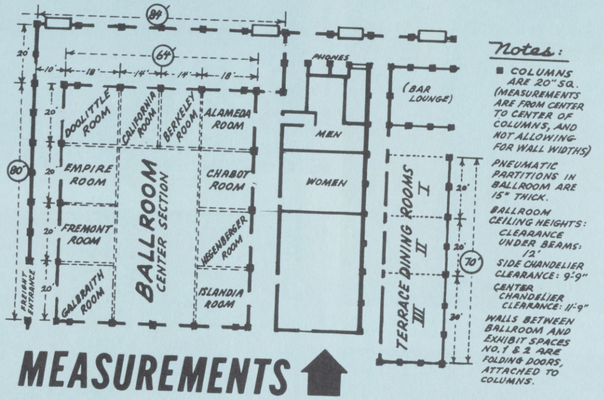
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BALLROOM CEILING HEIGHTS: CLEARANCE UNDER BEAMS: 12' SIDE CHANDELIER CLEARANCE: 9'9" CENTER CHANDELIER CLEARANCE: 11'9"

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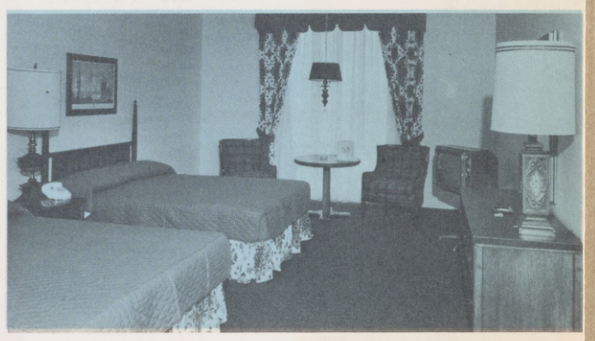
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15 enjoyed a fun visit to FAIRYLAND. Understand one of our hard-working Parent Auxiliary members, long-time resident of Oakland, got a bit confused finding it!! She's used to finding it from HER house, not the Hilton, right Ann....

The youngest and oldest LPA members at convention were from District 12, ERICKA PEASLEY, SFBAC, born April 30, and former LAC president, ART DOTY, who'll be 80 in September. How's that for showing that LPA has something for every age?

Were so pleased so many from the Harbor General SHORT STATURE CLINIC staff could

CONVENTION PROGRAM AS SCHEDULED AS OF MAY 1, 1973
OAKLAND HILTON * OAKLAND, CA.

FRIDAY, JULY 20: Brochures, goodie bags, registration envelopes ready for distribution...As LPA members will begin arriving from all corners of the U.S. DISTRICT 12 members will be needed to meet and greet..Registration will probably begin that night.

SATURDAY, July 21-Registration - 10:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M.
CAR-avan tours of BAY AREA, Joan and Bill Hare, chr. Car and driver volunteers needed..Afternoon and evening trips suggested.. MORE MEETING AND GREETING..

SUNDAY, JULY 22 : REGIS: - 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Church of own choice..Meals on weekend on ones own..
AFTERNOON
Ladies' Tea, hosted by Mrs. Martha Alexander-Presidential Suite- (Eookies, bars, tea goodies would be greatly appreciated..)
National Board of Directors meeting.. (Rooms and times
Tee n - Twenties Meeting to be announced
Parent Auxiliary Meeting later..)

7;00 - 10:00 P.M. SUMMER FUN FESTIVAL * Comm. Fred Carringtons, Jim Farringtons, Ron Roloffs, Tom Welches. Contract has been signed for 8 games. There will also be entertainment and other activities..WORKERS NEEDED..Contact Mrs. Carrington.

MONDAY, JULY 23 (7:30 A.M. each morning Bd. of Directors meet)
Meals for entire group start. CONV. REGIS. each day..
9:15 A.M. * CONVENTION -'73 OPENING ASSEMBLY
Pledge- Invocation- Welcome- Introductions-

11:30 A.M. * LUNCHEON 12:45 P.M. Board buses for 3 Bridges Tour.
$3.00 per adult $1.75 - 12 yrs. and younger NARRATORS NEEDED FOR BUSES..tour sheet will be available

TALENT SHOW REHEARSEL following Bus tour.

6:30 P.M. Dinner followed at 8:00 P.M. by TALENT SHOW
Andre Boursses, Chr. 9:00-1:00 Dance

TUESDAY, JULY 24 9:15 A.M. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (EACH MORNING)
11:00 A.M. GROUP PICTURE - BOB ROOD-CHR. 12:00 - LUNCH
1:15 board buses for BASEBALL GAME - chr. RON HACKL
LATE AFTERNOON - PARENT AUX.MEETING and FASHION SHOW REHEARSEL
6:00 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. Board buses for boat trip.
7:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. BAY CRUISE - contract signed..$5 -each
Dancing - music by Accordian Band (Sandy Costilla - member)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 Individual District Meetings following General Meeting.. 12 NOON - LUNCHEON
1:00 P.M. Board buses for BART STATION..BART to BOWLING Alley..25¢ per game - shoes supplied..GOLDEN GATE LANES
LATE AFTERNOON * PARENT AUX. MTG. and FASHION SHOW REHEARSEL
6:30 P.M. DINNER 8:00 P.M. FASHION SHOW
Martha Alexander - Narrator L. Gerage-chr.
9:00 - 1:00 Dancing

Reserve 2 lanes 16

Liberty Jeer Band

THURSDAY, JULY 26 It has been suggested that as part of this General Meeting, a panel discuss aspects of short stature- (Short Stature Symposium idea) followed by question & ans. period...GROUP MEETINGS AFTER LUNCH..SUMMARIES ON FRIDAY.
12 NOON SPORTS AWARD LUNCHEON * BOWLING & BASEBALL
Immediately following lunch - ½hr.-45 min. group discussions.

REST OF AFTERNOON - FREE TIME
7:00 P.M ANNUAL CONVENTION BANQUET
followed by Royalty crowning - Dancing- 9:00 - 1:00 Buzzies' Band - contract signed.
FRIDAY, JULY 27.. CLOSING BOARD MTG..CLOSING GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11:30 A.M. LUNCHEON LATE AFT. & EVE. to JACK LONDON SQUARE-
JACKIE & Bob East - Chr.

NOTE: Children's special activities, playroom, babysitting are being arranged..also Medical Advisory Board Meetings, etc. Speakers for meetings and meals are in tentative state ..

LPA/ NEWS FROM OUT of the FAR WEST /LPA/

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DISTRICT 12 (CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND HAWAII)

AUGUST - 1973

EDITOR: HARRIET H. STICKNEY (MRS. AL)

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WELL DONE DISTRICT 12!!

That's the theme of the many letters received by ourselves and others in the Bay Area. It has meant so much to have so many, who attended convention, take time to send a note of appreciation. One of the comments made again and again has been: "WHAT A FRIENDLY GROUP! NO MATTER HOW BUSY THEY WERE, DISTRICT 12 MEMBERS WERE WILLING TO TAKE TIME TO SMILE, TALK AND HELP." Several veterans of many conventions said it was the friendliest convention ever. So while this convention had the second highest total registered attendance, 385, it's great to know many consider it #1 in creating an overall good feeling.

Would also like to share with all of you some comments from the August 2 letter from TOM COMTE, Director of Sales at the Oakland Hilton. "As organizations judge hotels, so also do we judge the organizations and members of those organizations. The manageme and staff of the Oakland Hilton Inn was privileged to host the 1973 convention for the Little People of America..The group was composed of very fine people and at all times it was ur pleasure to serve their needs..We make this comment in all sincerity because this convention just concluded was among the most outstanding groups that we have hosted."

In return we have had many positive comments regarding the work of the hotel staff, particularly the housekeeping department and everyone in the registration lobby. Both the Hilton and we realize the food was not the best at all times. Contrary to rumor, we were not given much freedom in choosing. We did change what we could, A menu can sound a lot better than it tastes! Food prices had soared since the original bid was made in 1972. The Hilton stuck to the original prices despite increased costs in food and labor, and added just a 5% increase on complete books of tickets due to the sales tax increase. Meals did include the 6½% Calif. sales tax and a 15% service charge. The Oakland Hilton staff and we regret any inconveniences caused at any meals. Fortunately for the majority of those who attended, the good times of convention far outweighed the bad.

So to everyone one of you who volunteered to help in any way, THE BIGGEST THANK-YOU EVER for making this 1973 convention "THE BEST EVER" for so many of those attending. With your help extra touches were added to convention to give it a special unique flavor of its own...AS FOR THAT SUPER WEATHER, Bay Area long-time residents couldn't believe it could stay so great for so long!

A NOTE ABOUT CONVENTION FINANCES: Jackie East, District 12 Treasurer and chairman of Convention '73 Registration, will have a complete report as soon as we are sure all income is in and all debts paid. Know all of you will be pleased to know that Jackie can report at this time that we made a profit or broke even on every event that cost money (Summer Fun Festival, pictures, 3 Bridges Tour, Evening Cruise, etc.). District 12 will be able to turn over a tidy sum to National LPA when the books have been closed, as the profits and registration fees covered expenses non-charged.*

CONVENTION PICTURES: If you ordered and paid for a CONVENTION '73 group photograph and have not turned in your coupon, PLEASE MAIL IT TO AL, as soon as possible. SFBAC members, who ordered pictures at convention, can get them at the next meeting. The rest of the pictures will be mailed as soon as we hear from you. NOW, there is time to check records in case you lost your coupon. BUT TAKE CARE OF IT, NOW.

IF YOU DID NOT ORDER A PICTURE, AND NOW HAVE DECIDED YOU WOULD LIKE ONE, THERE ARE SOME AVAILABLE...THE PRICE IS NOW $2.75 per picture, to cover the costs of packaging and mailing. Send your order to Al, as soon as possible.

LPA BUSINESS accomplished at convention will be covered in the upcoming National newsletters, as will reports on meetings of the National Parent Auxiliary, Medical Advisory Board, plans for getting legislation passed that will benefit LPA, etc. THESE ITEMS WILL ALSO BE COVERED AT THE UPCOMING DISTRICT 12 MEETING AT THE INN OF TOMORROW, ANAHEIM, CA. OCTOBER 6 and 7, 1973, hosted by LAC members.

Yes, it's onward to ANAHEIM for District 12 members and guests. BILLY BARTY reports many plans are in action to provide a memorable weekend for those attending. FINAL details and registration blanks will be sent to all 73-74 paid LPA members about the middle of September. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND. DISNEY LAND AND KNOTTS BERRY FARM NEAR..

ROOM RATES for that weekend are as follows: $14 per night-1 in a room; $16-double ($8 apiece); $18.00 triple (3 in rm.) $6. apiece; $20-(4) quad ($5 apiece)
SAT. NIGHT, OCT. 6 BANQUET: $5.50 each (includes tax & tip)-Top sirloin, potatoes, vet, coffee or milk, dessert...GROUP PICTURE (colored) $3.00

*Expenses non-charged include the bands at the hotel, trophies for royalty and bowling, fashion show prizes, speaker's meals, paper, postage, etc.

NATIONAL LPA CONVENTION PROGRESS REPORT - MAY 1, 1973
Al Stickney - General Chairman

First of all, thanks to the Neno Carlinos, Bob Easts, Bill Hares, Peter Normans, Doug Nuchols, and Joe Vercellinos for hosting meetings of the Convention Planning sessions. Other smaller meetings have been held at the Stickneys. Also appreciate the many ways many of you have helped in the planning thus far. THERE IS MUCH MORE TO DO. Convention is now less than THREE MONTHS away.

HELP from any and all would be appreciated in the following ways.

1. ADS for the brochure. $40.00-full page $30 3/4 page $20-½ page $10.00 - ¼ page. (Further details on getting ads available for those who have not received them)..We have NINE pages of ads promised...WE WOULD LIKE 16...

2. At least one page will be a listing of names of LPA MEMBERS and FRIENDS. $2.00 per line (this can be individual or family, relatives, friends..) HOW ABOUT YOU?

3. RAFFLE PRIZES - It has been suggested that each District 12 family try to get one prize. A STAMP BOOK WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE..then the committee would redeem them for prizes. Realize LAC is collecting stamp books for their chapter use, but feel other district members would be willing to do so.

4. ITEMS for GOODIE BAGS..See GOODIE BAG COMMITTEE REPORT for items promised thus far. Pens, pencils, calendars, edibles, notepads are ideas still not had...

5. VOLUNTEERS to work during convention..MANY WORKERS MEANS LESS HOURS FOR ALL...See schedule for events needing workers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PROJECTS THAT MUST BE DONE BEFORE and/or ALL DURING CONVENTION..

CONVENTION PRINTED PROGRAM Mrs. Linda Burgan, Mrs. Jackie East, Mrs. Kathy Norman, Mrs. Cathy Nuchols, Larry Ullo - advisor
A South San Francisco firm will print it. Covers, in glossy color, have been donated by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. With the help of Mr. Ullo, the committee will do all the layout work. Planning on 1,000 copies. Firms donating ads or prizes will receive a copy.....Most pictures and biographies of the LPA Executive committee and Board of Directors have been received.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS: In addition to the candy sale, a luncheon, Christmas Card sale, and donations, SFBAC is sponsoring a ball game. Fees for tours, picture, registration, and brochure have been planned to not only pay for themselves, but help with other expenses. Raffles will also help.

GOODIE BAGS : Joy Campbell, Chr. So far the following items have been definitely promised: 600 plastic goodie bags, 500 pkg. raisins, 500 bags of peanuts, 150 banks, 500 public transit maps of East Bay and San Francisco, 500 small note books, 500 phone books, 500 phone key changes, 500 covers for open bottles. MORE EDIBLES, children's items, calendars, pens, pencils could be used..

PUBLICITY: TV appearance, April 18, mentioned convention.. Reporter expected for convention planning meeting. Many TV stations and all major newspapers in Bay Area have been notified of National Convention.

RAFFLE PRIZES: Bob East, Chairman Tickets have been donated. Several members have made and are making items such as quilts, afghans, candles, and items to wear. A NUMBER OF MERCHANDISE ITEMS, some great surprises, have been donated..MORE NEEDED.

REGISTRATION, MRS. Jackie East Chairman Registration forms for convention will be sent to all National LPA members in June. Registration fee will be $7 for single registration, $12 for family. 14 have signed up to help Jackie with registration before and during convention...MORE ARE NEEDED...

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15 enjoyed a fun visit to FAIRYLAND. Understand one of our hard-working Parent Auxiliary members, long-time resident of Oakland, got a bit confused finding it!! She's used to finding it from HER house, not the Hilton, right Ann....

The youngest and oldest LPA members at convention were from District 12, ERICKA PEASLEY, SFBAC, born April 30, and former LAC president, ART DOTY, who'll be 80 in September. How's that for showing that LPA has something for every age?

Were so pleased so many from the Harbor General SHORT STATURE CLINIC staff could be with us. DR. DAVID RIMOIN, director, literally flew in from Europe. Enjoyed meeting DR. JAAKKO LIESTI of Finland.

JACKIE CARLINO made a great raffle caller. WHAT A VOICE! BOB EAST reported that the raffles netted $260.

MICHELE O'ROURKE was that perky Girl Scout who led the opening assembly in the pledge.

LOVE HAZEL RESMONDO'S HATS, in fact all her outfits were stunning. Hope we get to see all those pictures she and other photographer buffs were taking..DO BRING THEM TO ANAHEIM, EVERYBODY...

CHUCK SECOR, LAC, and KATHY CARRINGTON, SFBAC auxiliary and sister of TEEN DEBBIE, both did a mighty fine job of speaking at the SHORT STATURE SYMPOSIUM.

Fine TV interview with LEN, AILEEN, and HEATHER GARMAN shown on S.F. station,

GREAT to have THOM HENDERSON with us. Did you know the 72-73 District 12 scrapbook is dedicated to THOM? LOIS GERAGE did a beautiful job on that scrapbook. It'll be in ANAHEIM...SEE IT THEN.

MICKEY ROSENBERG will kill me, but ask him where he took his naps early in conv. week.....until one day the residents wanted a nap themselves!!

Sure great BILLY BARTY could at least be at convention for the weekend and all the opening ceremonies on Monday. BRADEN, LORI, and SHIRLEY were there all week... When last seen they were merrily riding on a motorized cart to their flight at the OAKLAND AIRPORT.

The departure of the RICHARD CRANDALL family on FRIDAY was filmed for TV..Looked great..including the kids toys. RICH did a fine job helping make many of the arrangements for the upcoming DISTRICT 12 meeting in ANAHEIM, OCT. 6 & 7..

RENEE WITTMEIER celebsrated her birthday at convention, banquet night. Another convention birthday celebrant was BRADEN BARTY.

CAROLYN and ANDRE BOURSSE did a great job with the TALENT SHOW. CAROLYN also took part..as did CONNIE CUMMINGS, both of SFBAC. THE 3 SHIRLEYS (BARTY, ROSENBERG, and HARPER) sang, too. AND then there was that rousing opener to the tune of "THIS LAND IS MY LAND" done by just about every member of DISTRICT 12 there... Reports were that it sounded great gang...

Happy to report that about the second week after convention, AL STICKNEY'S laryngitis disappeared. One way to avoid TV interviews..ha ha..

Thanks to BOB BURGAN, LOUIS SCHARRER, SANDY COSTILLA, HARRIET'S SIS ANN, BOURSSE'S FRIEND, TED, for providing background music for various events. WAS GREAT...

NATIONAL LPA CONVENTION PROGRESS REPORT - MAY 1, 1973
Al Stickney - General Chairman

First of all, thanks to the Neno Carlinos, Bob Easts, Bill Hares, Peter Normans, Doug Nuchols, and Joe Vercellinos for hosting meetings of the Convention Planning sessions. Other smaller meetings have been held at the Stickneys. Also appreciate the many ways many of you have helped in the planning thus far. THERE IS MUCH MORE TO DO. Convention is now less than THREE MONTHS away.

HELP from any and all would be appreciated in the following ways.

1. ADS for the brochure. $40.00-full page $30 3/4 page $20-½ page $10.00 - ¼ page. (Further details on getting ads available for those who have not received them)..We have NINE pages of ads promised...WE WOULD LIKE 16...

2. At least one page will be a listing of names of LPA MEMBERS and FRIENDS. $2.00 per line (this can be individual or family, relatives, friends..) HOW ABOUT YOU?

3. RAFFLE PRIZES - It has been suggested that each District 12 family try to get one prize. A STAMP BOOK WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE..then the committee would redeem them for prizes. Realize LAC is collecting stamp books for their chapter use, but feel other district members would be willing to do so.

4. ITEMS for GOODIE BAGS..See GOODIE BAG COMMITTEE REPORT for items promised thus far. Pens, pencils, calendars, edibles, notepads are ideas still not had...

5. VOLUNTEERS to work during convention..MANY WORKERS MEANS LESS HOURS FOR ALL...See schedule for events needing workers.

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Dwarfs Hold a Convention

Little People Gather

In the lobby of the Hilton Inn at the Oakland Airport yesterday a white telephone sat on a stand two feet high with a sign that said, "Little People's House Phone."

Against the wall by the elevator stood a stick — to be used to push the button.

In the bathroom of many rooms there was as tool to reach the wash basin, and the towels were draped over special low racks.

For the Little People of America, Inc., was holding its 15th annual convention, with about 300 delegate dwarfs headed by Joe Alexander of Goldendale, Wash.

DWARFS

"We're dwarfs, not midgets," said Billy Barty of Hollywood, the movie and television actor who founded LPA in 1957. "Midgets are circus freaks."

(Technically, midgets are dwarfs who are perfectly proportioned. There are 55 types of dwarfism, which is a physical characteristic unrelated to mental ability.)

Barty, a stocky 3 feet 9½ inches, has appeared in 120 films — 75 of them during the '30s, as Mickey Rooney's brother.

VIEW

He sees a change in the attitude of big people toward dwarfs in the past few years — largely, he feels through media coverage of LPA conventions around the country.



Photos by Jerry Telfer

ANNIS ARTHUR (LEFT) TALKED TO LES KRIMS
He's a photographer working on a book about the little people

"But we've still got a long way to go," he said. "Parents unwittingly — maybe wittingly sometimes — instill this freakish attitude in children. There's even a popular children's book with the definition: 'Dwarf — a mean, nasty little man seen in fairy tales.'

"I was in Reno a while back and a woman threatnede her child: 'Stop that crying or I'll have that little man bite you.'

"I went up to the little girl and said, 'Honey, it's not me you have to worry about — it's her.'" **PROBLEM**

What was his most aggravating problem as a dwarf?

Barty replied straight-faced: "Not getting a dramatic lead opposite Elizabeth Taylor."

A more common cuase for annoyance is auch architectural details as light switches or door knots — inches beyond fingertips, reachable only if the dwarf stands on tiptoe.

"I was at Kennedy Airport and ran all over the place and couldn't find a phone in a single booth I could reach," he said. "I had to ask a big person to put my dime in and dial for me."

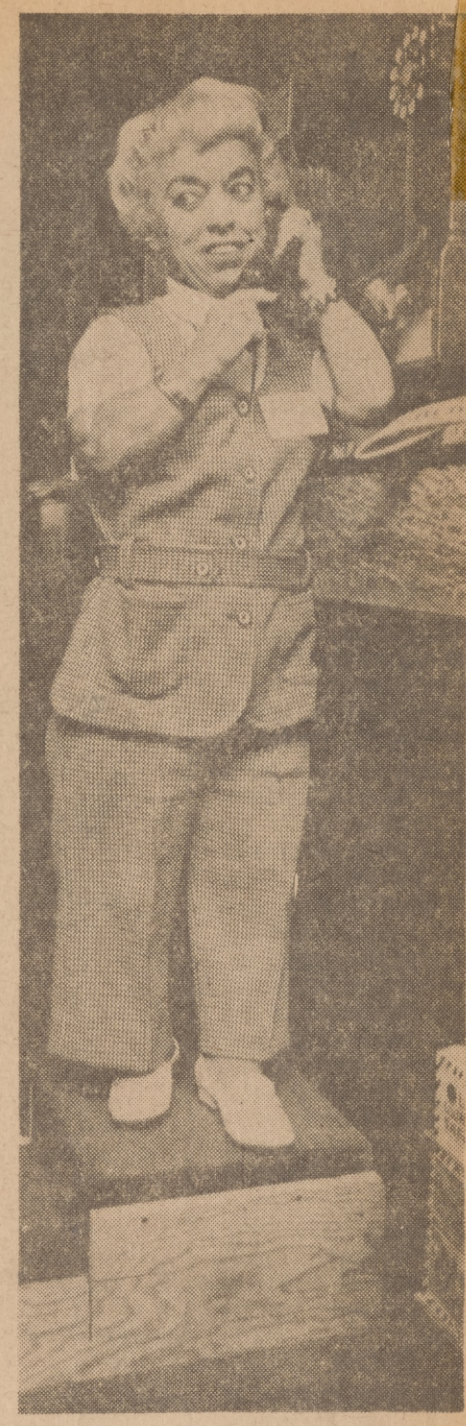
HOPE

Dr. Victor McKusick, head of the department of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, was the speaker at yesterday's luncheon.

He said the best hope at present for a remedy for a prevalent type of dwarfism — that caused by a deficiency in growth hormones — lies in the work of Dr. C. H. Li, University of California Medical Center biochemist, who synthesized the hormone in 1971.

Its eventual manufacture will make the hormone available to children afflicted with dwarfism.

"A little person can happen to anyone," Barty reminded newsmen. "Little people come from big people."



ADELE (TWINKLES) CHAMBORDON
A platform to reach the telephone

Little People Meeting Here



TERRY SCHWALTY
Little woman, big chair

By JOHN MILLER
Tribune Staff Writer

Making a telephone call from a pay phone or taking a drink from a water fountain are pretty commonplace events for most people.

But to an estimated 500,000 American adults, such mundane tasks can be a constant source of frustration and anxiety.

They are dwarfs, "little people" living in a "big" world.

And although many dwarfs have managed to overcome both the physical and psychological problems in being too small, many more have chosen to hide in the world of the small, living each day in fear of contact with the real world.

It was for this reason that the Little People of America was organized in 1957 by movie and television character Billy Barty.

Starting originally with 20 members, the organization now lists more than 2,000 and Barty remains their inspirational leader.

This week, Little People of America is holding its 15th annual national convention at the Oakland Hilton Inn and, as usual, Barty is taking part.

Barty said the stereotype of the dwarf as the mean, nasty little person in some fairy tale, is changing.

"Oh, we're still considered freaks by some people, but I think there has been a tremendous change for the better in the public's attitude toward us over the past few years," Barty said.

He explained that many parents of dwarf children added to the climate of superstition and ridicule by keeping their children out of sight and hidden from the real world. This left the child totally unprepared when it came time to deal with the "big" world outside.

"Being a little person can happen to anybody," the 3-foot, 9-inch Barty declared. The important thing to remember is that we're just like anybody else— only smaller."

Barty, who began his show business career at the age of three and has appeared in hundreds of motion pictures and television programs, said Little People of America exists to provide moral support and fellowship for dwarfs and to offer a forum for ideas to help solve problems confronting them.

The group also provides parents of dwarfed children with counseling, and other assistance.

Purpose of the week-long convention is to exchange ideas on education, job opportunities and state and federal legislation to benefit dwarfs and to provide members with an opportunity to consult with leading medical specialists from throughout the United States.



MARILYN ZELLMANN LIVES IN 'BIG' WORLD
Reporter John Miller interviews 'Little People'

More than 300 delegates from 12 nationwide districts are participating in the convention which includes a full schedule of business activities as well as a fashion and talent show, baseball game, bowling tournament and dances. The convention motto is "Think Big."

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CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME

Oakland, California is located in the heart of the San Francisco Bay area. It's the gateway to vacation land and is easily accessible from every point in America. With the Oakland Hilton Inn — the site of this year's festivities — located at the entrance to the municipal and international airport, there are no taxi or limousine fees. The Hilton Inn offers "at home" comforts within a resort atmosphere. There is a heated swimming pool and surrounding garden courts, an 18-hole and separate "par 3" golf course located across the street. But that's not all!



COME EARLY! JOIN THE FUN!

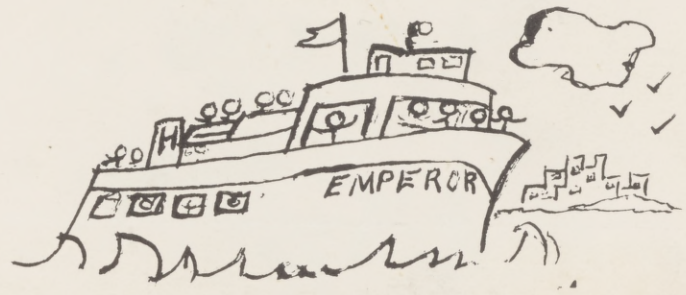
For the sports fan, the 40 million dollar Oakland-Alemeda County Coliseum Complex is just a few miles away. The world champion Oakland A's will be playing there on Sunday, July 22. Come early and see the game.

Also on Sunday, July 22 there will be a SUMMER FUN FESTIVAL. Under the co-chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farrington, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Roloff, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welch, the members of the SFBAC Parent Auxiliary are arranging an evening of games of skill and fun, a little theatre where various acts, such as a magician and a ventriloquist will be performing. There will be a great deal of opportunity to mix and mingle. There's more! But you'll have to come and discover those surprises for yourself.

COME RIDE WITH US!

The cable cars of San Francisco will be celebrating their 100th birthday this summer. Decide for yourself if they are a national trademark or not. A congresswoman from the midwest doesn't think so.

For Monday, the bus tour has been expanded. In addition to a scenic tour of San Francisco, the expedition has been mapped to include crossing the Richmond-San Rafael bridge for a look at Marin County. San Quentin will be passed. Down Highway 101 to the GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE and then into San Francisco, crossing the Bay Bridge to return to Oakland. There will be some stops along the way.



COME CRUISE WITH US!

On Tuesday, there will be a sunset and evening tour BY BOAT on San Francisco Bay. Viewing the skyline, chatting with friends, and dancing to the music on board. What a way to spend three hours!

On Wednesday afternoon, to encourage all to go to the bowling tournament, the competition will be held in nearby Richmond. This will give all a chance to travel on BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit). The buses will take you from the Inn to the nearest BART station. The bowling alley is a short distance from the BART station where you get off. In addition, there is a nearby shopping center.

For those staying through FRIDAY, July 27, there will be a chance to explore historic JACK LONDON SQUARE, a busy waterfront area for dining, boating, strolling. Watch ocean going ships, shop or brouse for imports and nautical items. A perfect way to conclude your stay in the Bay area.

By the way, parents. During the entire week, there'll be a supervised playroom and outside play area for the children during the morning and evening activities, until 9:00 P.M. Also, there will be baby-sitters for individual children available for hire.

RE[illegible]E DATES — JULY 23-27, 1973 in

OAKLAND—
WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS PLANNING?

With about twelve weeks remaining, plans for the LPA national convention are being finalized. Upcoming during the first weekend in May, Mr. Al Stickney, the 1973 Convention Chairman, and the entire convention planning group, will be completing plans for this year's activities. But that isn't all there has been to arranging this year's convention.

District Twelve has been, and is, working hard to make this convention a great experience for everyone. Pre-convention planning sessions have been held monthly during the fall and winter in the San Francisco Bay area. In March, the group started meeting more often, alternating at different homes and on different sides of the bay area.



Specialized committees have been established for the activities. Experienced as a challenger in a number of national bowling tournaments, Darrell Dietrich is in charge of this year's competition. Andre and Carolyn Boursse, co-chairman of the talent show, have great ideas to make it a bit different and give all who wish a chance to participate. The Carlinos have been auditioning bands, just a part of the job of the band committee. Ron Hackl is working on a really unique idea for the fellows on the winning team at the traditional ballgame. The "goodie bags" and contents are being gathered by Joy Campbell and her committee. Having been in a number of LPA national fashion shows, Lois Gerage is using her experience and ideas to make this year's convention highlight one to be remembered. For those coming early, Joan and Bill Hare have done some exploring for the caravan tour planned for the preceding Saturday, while Jackie and Bob East are becoming experts on Jack London Square, a fascinating waterfront area for those staying late. A sidelight for the convention program brochure committee has been a quick course in printing and ad layout as Kathy Norman, Linda Bergan, and Cathy Nuchols are discovering.

So you see its hard work and a great responsbilitity by many people long before, during, and even following the annual event. This year's convention will no doubt be the one you won't want to miss!

VP ON UPCOMING RENEWALS

During the month of May, you will be receiving the annual Membership Renewal Letters (MRL's). They are being sent out to all current and past members of LPA.

For convenience, the members are asked to make use of the MRL to pay their dues for 1973-74, rather than submitting remittence beforehand. Use of the MRL in paying dues speeds up processing by chapter presidents, district directors, and the national treasurer. It also gives individual LPA members and LPA families an opportunity to check LPA's records for errors in spelling and address, and to add such things as dates of birth of little littles and teens and the birthdays of adult little people, a new piece of information requested at the 1972 National Convention.

Prompt payment avoids that old problem of misplacing the MRL, forgetting to pay dues, missing some issues of the Newsletter, in addition to not being listed in the Roster.

Remember — dues must be paid before registering for the 1973 National Convention. To be included in the 1973-74 printed Roster, dues must be paid by September 30.

Dues and the MRL should be sent to the district director or chapter president indicated on the letter, as soon as possible after receiving the MRL.

We'd appreciate it ever so much!

Harriet Stickney
Vice President

THAT MAGIC MEMBERSHIP MARK

For the past few years, the LPA Board of Directors had hopes each year that we might reach that long sought 2,000 membership mark. The 1972 total of 1,955 spurred us ever onward. All worked at it, and we made it.

Membership card number 2000 for the year 1972-73 belongs to Miss Sandy Morris, of Fort Worth, Texas. A member of the Dal-Worth Chapter, Sandy had been a member of District 8, first joining in 1967.

Thank you, Sandy, for being the one to put us over that magical membership mark.

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WELCOMING SONG

(Sung to the tune of: This Land is your land...)

This land is your land
this land is my land
from California
to the New York islands
from the Redwood forests
to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

You all are welcome
to our convention
may this full week
be long remembered
may it bring you
joy and laughter
and a new friend
to love from this day on.

We want to thank all
our friends who nave helped us
through their friendship, time and knowledge
and though they're people with different backgrounds
Most of all
they're people like you and me.

The entertainment
that now awaits you
is an expression of our uniqueness
it is a feeling
which we are sharing
this is a night for you and me.

We'll spend an evening
out on the bay
we'll dance to music
both night and day
we'll hit the baseball
we'll knock the pins down
we'll have a good time all around.

We'll model fashions of our own creation
ride the BART train to our destionation
And then we'll bid farewell with hesitation
Convention is made for you and me.

(Everyone now join in)

This Land is your land
this land is my land....

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Skating Party at Hayward 1-20-73

Annual Banquet at Elegant Farmer in Oakland ~~1-27-73~~ 3-3-73

Ladies Luncheon League held in San Bruno - 3-10-73

Officers - Bob Burgan

Vice - Peter Norman

Sec - Joan Cecil

Treas - Bill Hare

1st Baseball Game - Little League Falcons 5-6-73

Peter Normans started Discussion Grps

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